THE WEATHER.

Fair and much colder Tuesday, cold wave in north and west portions; Wednesday unsettled, continued cold; moderate to brisk north winds.

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ESTRADA FORCES MOVE ON TO WAR

Campaign of Provisional Army in Western Nicaragua Begins.

DECISIVE BATTLE EXPECTED

Troops Transported Across River Into Chile—Estrada's Move Recognized As Master Stroke in Washington.

Bluefields, Nic., Jan. 3.—General Estrada's campaign into the western half of Nicaragua has been begun. The entire provisional army which won the victory at Recreo is being transported in boats up the Mico river to Chile which will replace Pama as the base of supplies. A decisive battle may be fought at Acoyapo.

The movement west was begun quietly and the advance guard under General Mena has been for some days at Chile. Chile is a center for cattle raising, and that district is expected to relieve Bluefields to a great extent in the matter of sustaining the troops.

Acoyapo, where it is thought a battle may be fought, unless the pending peace plans fail, is but 60 miles distant from Chile and may be reached over easy trails.

Interest in Washington.

Washington, Jan. 3.—While no official information had been announced up to a late hour tonight concerning the forward movement of the Nicaraguan revolutionary army the news when conveyed to the Central American diplomats here was received with great interest.

The present movement of Estrada is recognized here by those who know the country as a master stroke.

"The advance up the Mico river to Chile is undoubtedly partly a feint," said one of the diplomats.

"We have every reason to believe that a strong force has been sent around to Greytown to wipe out the government force there which practically has been beseiged in that place for some months. When Greytown is taken, as we have every reason to believe it will, the San Juan river will be open to Lake Nicaragua, and the two branches of the Estrada army will then join forces on the shore of Lake Nicaragua. The boats that transport the troops on the Mico river, together with those that will bring up the troops from Greytown, will then be joined in a flotilla and the entire army will proceed to Managua."

In the opinion of Nicaraguans here, President Madriz has only a ragged force left, and even that is dissipirted by the flight of Zelaya. Estrada's troops, on the other hand, have been completely rested after their first victory at Rama, and are eager to press their success home. For this reason, Senor Castrillo, the representative here of the provisional government believes that the coming conflict will clear the way to a direct attack on the apital.

Forces Will Advance.

Bluefields, Nicaragua, Jan. 3.—Plans for the advance of Estrada's army on Managua have been matured. It is expected that his forces will leave their base at Chile in a week, possibly sooner, starting towards Acoyapo, which is in the enemy's country.

The forces of the provisional government will number 4,000 men strong. They are carrying extra rifles and ammunition sufficient arms for the additional troops, who, it is believed, will join Estrada during the march through the State of Chontales. Two six-inch field guns have been taken to Chile.

General Estrada joined his troops today and was greeted by them with enthusiasm when he announced his plan for attacking the Madriz government in its strongholds. The provisional forces will move in three divisions over different routes, but all sufficiently close to each other to enable the commander-in-chief to give prompt instructions.

MILL MEN TO CHARLOTTE.

Cotton Manufacturers Will Consider Stringent Situation.

Charlotte, N. C., Jan. 3.—In response to the general call for a meeting of cotton manufacturers from all parts of the country and of commission men to gather tomorrow morning to consider the present stringent situation that faces the manufacturer, it is expected that about 150 mill men and manufacturers and commission men will be in Charlotte by the time set for tomorrow's meeting.

The problem which caused the meeting to be called and which will form the chief topic for discussion is "How to increase the selling prices of cotton products."

The continued rise in the price of raw cotton, and the tardiness with which the general textile products markets have followed, has caused a state of affairs to exist that is of no little embarrassment to the manufacturers all over the country.

They claim that they are making no money under present conditions; that cotton goods and yarns have not advanced in proportion to the advance in the price of raw cotton, and that something is necessary at this time to relieve this strained situation.

DEATHS AT FAYETTEVILLE

Dr. J. H. Marsh, of St. L... Hospital—Dr. McNatt Passes Away at Maxton—Remains of Miss Winslow.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Fayetteville, Jan. 3.—Dr. J. H. Marsh, the leading physician of Fayetteville, died here at St. Luke's, his own hospital, at 3:30 yesterday morning, after an acute attack of Bright's disease since Chrisamts Eve. From the beginning his fellow practitioners, who were unremitting in attention entertained little hope of recovery. He was in his 45th year.

Dr. Marsh, who was a son of the late Neal and Caroline Marsh, was born in Grays Creek township, Cumberland county. His success in life was due to untiring energy and native ability. His father died in the Confederate service about the time of the doctor's birth. During attendance at the common schools he took his first course in medicine under the late Dr. Smith, at St. Paul's, Robeson county, at the same time laboring assiduously on the farm and studying at night. He graduated in medicine after a four years' course at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, since when he attended numerous special lectures and took post-graduate courses.

Dr. Marsh with Dr. J. F. Highsmith, established here the well known Marsh-Highsmith hospital, withdrawing from which he founded and practically owned St. Luke's, beautifully situated on Haymount. He had been president of the Cumberland County Medical Society and for several years superintendent of health.

Great grief is felt here at his death and today crowds have visited St. Luke's hospital, where the body lies. He was a member of the Presbyterian church. In 1893, Dr. Marsh married Laura, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Glover. He is survived by his wife and four children, the youngest a daughter, born the day before his death, and by two brothers, ex-Sheriff W. H. Marsh, Fayetteville; D. W. Marsh, Parkton, and two sisters, Mrs. Herman Jones and Mrs. W. A. Gainey, of Gray's Creek.

Mayor Bullard today issued the following call:

"The county of Cumberland and the city of Fayetteville have sustained a great loss in the death of our esteemed townsman, Dr. Marsh. He was one of our most prominent citizens as well as one of our leading physicians. He was public spirited and enterprising and always doing good to the public. We want to do honor to this great man whose death is such a shock to our people.

"We therefore request all business houses to close business tomorrow (Tuesday) from 2 o'clock P. M., to 3:30 o'clock P. M., in order that all our people may have the opportunity of attending the funeral.

News reaches the city of the death of Dr. Henry Wise McNatt, of Brights disease, at his home in Maxton at 6 o'clock this morning, aged about 52 years. Dr. McNatt, is survived by a widow, who was Miss Jessie McRae, sister of Mr. J. Sumter McRae, of Maxton. Up to two years ago, when ill health forced his retirement, Dr. McNatt was one of the leading physicians of Robeson. Dr. McNatt leaves a large estate.

The remains of Miss Elizabeth J. Winslow of this city, who died in Savannah Saturday night, were buried here today from the residence of H. R. Horne. The remains were accompanied here by Mr. and Mrs. E. Winslow Jewett, of Savannah, at whose home Miss Winslow spent her last years. Miss Winslow was a woman of rare grace and culture. She was born in this city 72 years ago and was a daughter of Edward Lee Winslow, one of the most prominent lawyers of this State in his time, and a niece of Hon. Warren Winslow, member of Congress. Miss Winslow is survived by her nephew, E. Winslow Jewett, of Savannah, and four cousins, Mrs. Haslem, Miss Ochiltree, W. W. Horne, and S. R. Horne.

The steamer City of Fayetteville arrived from Wilmington Sunday night, but was unable to clear on the return trip today on account of low water. She expects to get off tomorrow on the rise from Buckhorn Falls.

ILLINOIS BARS CATTLE.

Caused by Prevalence of Texas Fever in Southern States.

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 3.—Owing to prevalance of Texas fever among Southern cattle, a proclamation was issued by Governor Deneen prohibiting importation into Illinois of cattle from California, Oklahoma, Texas, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, Alabama, Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia and Florida between February 1st and November 1st, 1910, unless the cattle are accompanied by certificates from the inspector of the United States bureau of animal industry, that they are free from the fever.

LURTON IN SUPREME COURT.

Oath Administered to New Associate Justice From Tennessee.

Washington, Jan. 3.—The new Associate Justice, Hon. Horace H. Lurton, of Tennessee, took his seat on his bence of the Supreme Court of the United States at the incoming of the court at high noon today. Following the reading of Mr. Lurton's commission by Clerk McKenny, the oath of office was administered by that official in the presence of a distinguished array of attorneys and members of Congress.

After kissing the bible on which the oath was taken, Mr. Lurton assumed his seat on the extreme left of the Chief Justice.

MERGER OF BIG MONEY INTERESTS

Triple Combination of Three Powerful Trust Companies in New York.

MORGAN, RYAN AND MORTON

Has United Resources of $150,000,000. Directors Met and Approved of Terms—Largest Merger of Kind in Country.

New York, Jan. 3.—J. P. Morgan, Thomas F. Ryan and Levi P. Morton linked hands in New York today in a trust company merger which unites resources of $150,000,000. It is a triple combination, bringing the Guaranty Trust Company, the Morton Trust Company, and the Fifth Avenue Trust Company, all of this city, under one head with the title of the Guaranty Trust Company. The merger is perhaps the largest of its kind in the United States.

Directors of all three companies met today and informally approved the terms of the merger, which will be put in more definite form on Wednesday when another director's meeting will be held and the plan ratified by the stockholders.

Levi P. Morton, president of the Morton Trust Company, and the Fifth Avenue Trust Company—both known as the Morton-Ryan concerns, has consented to act as chairman of the board of the merged companies for which no president has as yet been selected.

This new move in finance follows the recent absorption of the Guaranty Trust Company by the so-called Morgan interests, but upon just what terms the merger was made was not disclosed today.

The Guaranty Trust Company was organized in 1891, and has total deposits of more than $88,000,000. The Morton Trust Company, which was formerly the banking house of Bliss, Morton & Company, was organized in 1899. Thomas F. Ryan is vice president. Its deposits aggregate more than $45,000,000. Like the Guaranty Trust Company, its capital and surplus are $2,000,000 each.

The Fifth Avenue Trust Company, founded ten years ago, is one of the better known up-town financial institutions. With a capital and surplus of $1,000,000 each, it has paid very large dividends of recent years. The capital stock of the new company probably will be fixed at $5,000,000, with perhaps a like amount for surplus. It is believed that the merger will involve large stock and cash dividends to the shareholders of the three companies.

The present headquarters of the Fifth Avenue Trust Company will be retained as a branch of the combined companies, while larger offices will house the combined companies in the financial district.

AFFECTED STOCK MARKET

Visit of Railroad Presidents to Taft Forced Speculative Leaders Down.

New York, Jan. 3.—The stock market became quite weak today and prices of United States Steel, Union Pacific, Reading and like important speculative leaders were forced down between 2 and 3 points. Rock Island, Amalgamated Copper and a few other stocks afforded some contrast with the weakness and suggested a contest of speculative forces.

One prime factor in the weakness was the fluency on the call money market. After the market closed the rate touched 14 per cent. a higher rate than has been made on the New York Stock Exchange in over two years past.

The last week statement showing surplus reserves below $4,000,000 and the heavy requirements of the January settlements compelled the clearing house banks to call loans heavily to keep within their reserve requirements.

The suspicion was aroused among the speculators that the powerful leaders of last year's speculation for the advance had shifted their position. There was a dread that higher rates for money rather than higher prices for stocks had come to be their purpose.

An unfaorable effect was produced by the news from Washington of the visit of the railroad presidents at the White House to oppose President Taft's intended in the inter-State commerce law. There was much talk also of threatened labor troubles. United States Steel was particularly affected by this latter influence.

The market showed only slight recuperative power and ended in a very unsettled condition.

MRS. COOK JOINS HUSBAND.

Believed That She Has Original Records of Explorer.

New York, Jan. 3.—William L. Cook, brother of Dr. Frederick A. Cook, declared today that Mrs. Cook had joined her husband and that he was in communication with them. Mrs. Cook is believed to have the explorer's original records of his north pole quest in her possession.

"Dr. Cook has by no means abandoned his intention to prove conclusively, despite the verdict of the Copenhagen University, that he reached the north pole," said his brother, "and his detractors will have a pretty bill to pay."

TOBACCO TRUST ARGUMENT BEGINS

Important Case Taken Up in United States Supreme Court Yesterday.

ANXIOUSLY AWAIT OUTCOME

Cockran Asks Permission to File Brief—Claims He Has Been charged With "Criminal Conspiracy" in Lower Court.

Washington, Jan. 3.—Argument in the tobacco trust case, which has attracted much attention because of the possible effect of the court's decision on anti-trust legislation, was begun today in the Supreme Court of the United States and it will continue to hold the attention of the court for the next three days.

The court awarded 12 hours to counsel, which is three times the usual time given to a case in the court. Of this time the government will have five hours, counsel for the American Tobacco Company four and a half hours, and counsel for the Imperial Company of Great Britain and the United Cigar Company two and a half hours.

In presenting the plea for an extension of time Attorney General Wickersham stated that no more important case had ever come before the court, and he said that time would be necessary to present the facts as well as the law.

The first presentation in behalf of the government was made by Special Assistant Attorney General Reynolds and Attorneys Johnson, Nichol, Hornblower, and Struck were present in behalf of the tobacco interests. Attorney General Wickersham will close the case for the government, but he will not be heard before Wednesday.

In connection with the tobacco trust case in the Supreme Court today, former Representative Bourke Cockran, of New York, asked permission to file a brief, although not of counsel in the case. He said in the court below he had been mentioned in such a way as to practically charge him with "criminal conspiracy," and he desired to present his document as an interested party.

The Attorney General made formal opposition and the court took the request under advisement.

Mr. Cockran's name was brought into the case in the trial court through the fact that he was a stockholder in the Union Tobacco Company, which was absorbed by the American Company, and in his petition he says that if the combination was a criminal conspiracy he was a party to it. He was opposed to the consolidation, but acquiesced in it. "If," he says, "this acquisition of one corporation by the other was really a step in criminal conspiracy as has been held by the court below, then your petitioner and all other parties directly concerned in the sale of the Union Tobacco were parties to that offense against the law." He adds that he did not believe at the time that the act was unlawful.

BIG DAMAGE IN BOSTON.

Breaking of Water Main Caused Heavy Loss—Extent of Damage.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 3.—Thousands of persons were marooned, two play houses, a dozen picture theatres were closed and $200,000 damage was done early this afternoon by the breaking of a 30-inch water main at the corner of Tremont and Hollis streets. The district between Tremont and Washington streets, from LaGrange to Warrenton streets, was completely flooded.

Pedestrians caught in the flood area were marooned and street car traffic was suspended for more than two hours, or until the flood subsided.

OUTLINES.

President Taft yesterday held a conference with the presidents of six big railroads, who voiced their disapproval of the amendments in his message giving more power to the Inter-State Commerce Commission——Three big New York trust companies, in which Morgan, Ryan and Horton had controlling interests, were combined yesterday, making the largest merger of its kind in the United States——The government will bring proceedings against the Burley Tobacco Company, contending that the organization is responsible for the night rider raids in Tennessee and Kentucky——The argument of the tobacco trust case was begun yesterday in the United States Court and will be in progress for the next three days——Charles Wyman Morse, former ice king and millionaire banker, began serving a 15 year term in the Atlanta Federal prison yesterday——An investigation of the white slave traffic, with John D. Rockefeller, Jr., as foreman of the grand jury, was begun in New York yesterday.

New York markets: Money on call strong and higher, six to ten per cent., ruling rate 8, closing bid 10, offered at 10; spot cotton closed quiet, middling uplands 16.10, middling gulf 16.35; flour quiet; wheat spot firm, No. 2 red 1.28 elevator domestic and 1.27 1-2 f. o. b. afloat nominal; corn spot easy No. 2, 70 elevator domestic and 70 1-2 delivered and 69 f. o. b. afloat nominal; oats spot firm, mixed 47; rosin and turpentine firm.

COTTON MILLS IN NORTH CAROLINA

Interesting Figures From Report of State Labor Commissioner.

FOR THE YEAR JUST CLOSING

Industry Seems in Fairly Good Condition Despite High Prices—Child Labor Problem—Large Investments of Capital.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 3.—The summary of the cotton mills section of the forthcoming annual report of the State Department of Labor and Printing just made public declares that: "The manufacturers with whom the representatives of this department have discussed the labor and child question have expressed themselves as being desirous of obeying, and even of participating in the enforcement of reasonable laws and restrictions."

The report declares that the age limit as set out in the present law is generally satisfactory, and the prevailing sentiment among mill men is for rigid enforcement, to eliminate the possibility of unscrupulous manufacturers violating to the disadvantage of the conscientious employer. Child labor as a general proposition is said not to be profitable, but at times necessary to the keeping of parent labor that is profitable. This works greatly to the detriment of the honest manufacturer," say the commissioner, as the dishonest ones sometimes strain a point to get certain desirable labor.

The report on cotton mills represents some careful and painstaking work on the part of both Commissioner Shipman and Assistant Commissioner George B. Justice. The report goes into the details of cotton mill conditions and also gives a comparative statement of the relative volume of cotton milling in the various counties.

The matters of baling and baling material is declared in the report to be an important proposition for the milling interests now as well as for the planters. The report declares wastefulness and insufficiency of the present method is so apparent as to need nothing more than mention.

The report says that a fluctuating market is no doubt the greatest difficulty with which the manufacturers have to contend, and that the immediate result of the advance in the prices of cotton the latter part of the year just closed had the effect of the curtailment of the production by many of the mills, especially those that were not sold ahead. The report adds that if speculation could be eliminated, the variations caused by supply and demand could probably be handled, but until this is done there will be losses and depressions in the legitimate field, for which it is in no way responsible, and for which it ought not to have to stand.

The industry, the report declares, represents by far the largest investment of capital in a single line in the State and leads in the number of employes and the volume of wages paid.

The 312 cotton, woolen and silk mills report authorized capital of $51,083,550 and the employment of 31,143,511 spindles, 55,692 looms and 130,355 horespower. There are 55,129 employes of which 31,791 are males. The estimated number of persons dependent on the mills for a live lihood is 154,352.

The reports show general improvement in the financial condition of employes. There is also improvement shown in educational matters among the employes and that the labor laws are generally observed. As to wages paid the reports show a high average of $2.54, low average of 67 cents for males and $1.29 and 58 cents for females. The average day's work among the cotton mills is 10.69 hours. steam is the motive power for 118 of the 315 miles and electricity for 82 while 42 have steam and water, 34 water only and one gas.

There are 63 knitting mills with $2,853,040 capital, 74,440 spindles, 6,343 knitting machines, 613 sewing machines and using 5,719 horse power. There are 6,867 employes with about 17,072 people dependent. Wages are about the same average as the cotton mill.

Gaston county seems to lead with 48 cotton mills of $7,059,450 capital, using 17,858 horse power. Alamance has 21 and Mecklenburg 22 mills, while some other counties largely interested in cotton milling are Cabarrus 14, Cumberland 9, Richmond 7, Robeson 4, Scotland 6, Union 4, Wake 5, Guilford 8, Johnston 6, New Hanover 2, Montgomery 4, Moore 2, Wayne 1, Lincoln 12, Halifax 3, and Harnett 1.

ORDER IN BOUNDARY CASE

North Carolina and Tennessee Given Ninety to Take Testimony.

Washington, Jan. 3.—An order was issued today by the Supreme Court of the United States in the boundary line case between the States of North Carolina and Tennessee, giving each of the States 90 days to take testimony.

The order takes effect immediately as complainant North Carolina will be the first to proceed.

AGAINST BURLEY SOCIETY

Government Will Go After "Night Riders" by Bringing Action Against Tobacco Organization—The Contentions.

Washington, Jan. 3.—The Government is preparing to go after the "night riders" in the tobacco districts of Kentucky and Tennessee by beginning proceedings against the Burley Tobacco Society.

Convinced that the society is a combination and a conspiracy under the terms of the Sherman anti-trust law, the Department of Justice is investigating its operations on that ground. Agents have recently been sent to the tobacco growing regions for the purpose of making inquiry concerning the methods of the Association, and they have reached the conclusion that the organization is connected with the depredations of the "night riders," who recently have created so much disturbance in that section.

It is known that the officials in charge of the inquiry have reached the conclusion that the organization comes within the inhibition of the Sherman law and there is now a well defined purpose to present the matter to the courts. The Department, is, however, undecided as to whether the proceedings shall be civil or criminal

The Burley Society is a strong organization composed largely of farmers, and it is believed that when taken, the government's action will create a sensation.

It is contended by the members of the society that they have been forced to band themselves together to resist the operations of the American Tobacco Company.

The company, the members of the society charge, systematically depressed the market for Kentucky and Tennessee tobacco and kept prices down to the lowest point.

Further justification for the creation of the society is set forth in the statement that the so-called tobacco trust has driven down its prices on raw tobacco while making no reductions in the finished products sold by it and manufactured from the Kentucky and Tennessee leaf.

INJUNCTION AGAINST CURTISS.

Decision of Circuit Court Favors the Wrights—First Aero Opinion.

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 3.—Judge Hazel, of the United States Circuit Court, today granted on behalf of the Wright Brothers a preliminary injunction against the Herring-Curtiss Company, and Glenn H. Curtiss restraining them from the manufacture and sale of aeroplanes infringing on patents "for improvements in a flying machine", granted May 22nd, 1906, to Orville and Wilbur Wright and subsequently assigned to the Wright Company.

"The requirements in patent cases for issuance of an injunction pendente lite—the validity of the patent, general acquiesence by the public, and infringement by the defendants are so reasonably clear" says Judge Hazel in his opinion in the case, "that I believe it not improbable that complainant may succeed at final hearing, and therefore a preliminary injunction should be granted."

The opinion is the first in the history of jurisprudence involving the airship.

ASSASSINATED WITNESS.

Killed to Prevent Him From Testifying at Night Rider Trial.

Mobile, Ala., Jan. 3.—News was received here today that about the same time James Middleton, principal government witness in a night rider trial set for hearing in the Federal court here this month, was assassinated at his home in Baldwin county Saturday night, unknown parties fired into the home of D. L. Comstock, plaintiff in the case. Comstock's six-year-old son had a narrow escape from death.

Indictments against five men recently were returned in the night rider case, growing out of the killing of sheep belonging to Comstock. Middleton, it is said, identified the alleged night riders. According to the reports, excitement is intense in Baldwin county and posses of citizens are aiding the sheriff in the hunt for the assassins.

BLADEN'S RAILROAD.

Virginia & Carolina Southern Bond is Approved—Others Not Favored.

Elizabethtown, N. C., Jan. 3.—The board of County Commissioners of Bladen county in session here today refused to approve the bond offered by J. A. Mills, proposing to construct a road from Fayetteville to Elizabethtown on the ground that the proposition and bond did not safeguard the rights of the citizens, or guarantee the building of the road.

Messrs. J. F. L. Armfield and A. W. McLean, representing the Virginia & Carolina Southern, filed bond in the sum of $40,000, guaranteeing the building of the road from St. Paul's to Elizabethtown in 12 months if the bonds are voted by the people on the 11th instant, and the Board of Commissioners promptly approved this bond. The people here are enthusiastic for the latter proposition and it looks now as if the election will be carried by a good majority. The proposition of Mr. McLeod is regarded as a joke.

RAILROAD FIGHT BROUGHT TO TAFT

Voiced Disapproval of The Amendments to Inter-State Commerce Law.

SLIGHT CHANGE IS GRANTED

Heads of Six Big Systems Had Conference With the President—Agrees to Split the Message—Contentions of Railroad.

Washington, Jan. 3.—Following a conference with the presidents of six of the great railroad systems of the country, President Taft late this afternoon announced a change of programme in sending of his message dealing with interstate commerce and anti-trust law amendments to Congress. The message will be split into two parts.

The section dealing with the trusts will be sent to Congress at noon on Thursday. The section dealing with the interstate commerce law, in which the railroads are directly interested, will be deferred until Friday noon. The President's special message on the conservation of natural resources is expected to be ready for Congress next Monday.

It had been the President's original intention to treat together the two subjects of interstate commerce and anti-trust amendments. It was said late this afternoon that the message would probably receive greater attention if divided into two parts, neither of more than 4,000 words.

As a result of the call of the railroad presidents, it was said that only a few verbal changes would be made in the draft of the message dealing with the inter-state commerce law, and that these would be only to the end of clarifying the meaning of the recommendations.

While deprecating the idea of any legislation at all at this time, when, the railroad presidents declared, conditions in the railroad and industrial world are righting themselves after two years of more or less depression, they did not seek to deter the President from sending in his message. They devoted themselves to more or less specific objections to the bill prepared by Attorney General Wickersham which forms the text for the message. The President, it is declared, will not attempt to force the Wickersham or any other bill upon Congress. He will say in his message that such a bill has been drafted and is at the disposal of the appropriate committees of the Senate and House. The railroad presidents themselves admitted that their objections to the proposed amendments to the inter-state commerce act were general in their application to all of the amendments.

The President had made his position clear to J. Pierpont Morgan in an interview Friday morning. Mr. Morgan in turn arranged for todays' conference, and advised the railroad men to confine themselves to suggestions of changes in the amendments rather than to an attempt to influence the President as to his general course. Mr. Taft has let it be known that he not only will make recommendations for changes in the law, but that he expects Congress to adopt the suggestions at this session.

Railroad Presidents.

The railroad presidents at the conference today were McCrea, of the Pennsylvania; Lovett, of the Union Pacific and other Harriman lines; Brown, of the New York Central; Mellen, of the New York, New Hampshire & Hartford Railroad; Beer, of the Philadelphia & Reading, and Finley, of the Southern. Attorney General Wickersham also was present.

President for Changes.

One of the changes which President Taft agreed to make in his recommendations has to do with the language of the proposed amendment prohibiting a railroad company from acquiring stock in any competing railroad in the future or from holding stock in a competing railroad after a given date.

The law, as President Taft will suggest it, will provide that where a railroad owns 50 per cent. or more of the stock of another it may acquire the remainder. This, it is said, would afford a measure of protection to minority stockholders, for if the railroad owning the majority stock should be prohibited from acquiring any more, the minority would lose their only probable purchaser. Where a railroad holds less than the majority of stock in another line, however, it will be provided that it can acquire no more.

Nothing in the inter-state commerce amendments will be so drawn as to legalize in any way the holding of stock in a competing line where the holding of the stock comes into violation of the anti-trust law.

The President practically informed the railroad presidents that while their views would be given every consideration in the final wording of the message, he would not alter his basic recommendations.

Against Proposed Court.

The proposed inter-state commerce court of five members to consider appeals from the Interstate Commerce Commission, with an appeal only to the Supreme Court of the United States, was particularly objected to by the railroad representatives. They declared that the court soon would

become nothing more than a second commission. They preferred to take appeals direct from the commission to the Federal courts. The recommendation for a court will, however, remain in the message.

The railroad presidents objected most seriously also to the proposed restrictions upon the issuance of stocks, bonds and short-term notes. President Taft will recommend that no such securities shall be issued in the future without the approval of the Interstate Commerce Commission, based upon a finding that the issues are for purposes authorized by law and for a price not less than par for stock and not less than the reasonable market value for bonds. The railroads claim that this restriction will seriously interfere with their borrowing ability.

The amendments are designed to prevent over-issues of stocks and bonds and the custom known as "watering". If adopted, it is said, the amendment also would put an end to what is known as speculative construction.

The railroad presidents objected further to the proposed amendment giving to shippers that right of selecting a through route for their goods and to giving the Interstate Commerce Commission the right to initiate complaints and hold up new ratings and classifications by a railroad until sufficient cause shall be shown for the new rates.

Fire Bell Out of Order.

The fire alarm bell has been out of order for several days and it will be at least a week yet before it will again be in commission. Mr. John T. Yates, superintendent of alarm, was busy the greater portion of yesterday locating the trouble, numerous taps of the bell being sounded, which led some to believe there was fire. Mr. Yates stated last night that he succeeded in locating the trouble, several parts of the machinery being broken, and that the new pieces would have to be supplied from the factory, which will take five or six days.

MORSE BEGINS LONG TERM

Former Ice King Reached Atlanta Federal Prison Yesterday.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 3.—Charles Wyman Morse, former ice king and millionaire banker, at noon today began his serice of a 15-year sentence at Atlanta Federal prison for violation of the National banking laws.

He is registered as convict No. 2,814, and tonight occupies a steel cell not in the least different from those to which are assigned the several hundred other prisoners. His immaculate tailored garments gave way to a regulation suit of stripes, nor did the distinguished prisoner escape the Bertillon expert, the prison photographer, the regulation bath or the barber.

Mr. Morse arrived from New York at 10:45 A. M., in charge of two deputy marshals and accompanied by his friend and close business associate, W. P. Reid, of Boston. He made no protest when the cameras of the newspaper men were trained upon him. He was placed in a hack and driven to the prison. There the formalities incident to the entry of all prisoners were promptly entered upon and completed before the dinner bell sounded. Because he had not been vaccinated, Mr. Morse was not permitted to eat in the big dining room with his fellow convicts, and his first meal was served in his cell.

Except when his "pedigree' was being taken Morse showed no signs of emotion. The prisoner turned over to the clerk $218 in currency and some private papers. Because there was no evidence of violence shown in the prisoner's record he was assigned to "class 1" which entitles him to the privilege of seeing relatives or friends for 30 minutes in each two weeks of his confinement. He may write and receive letters and have access to the library.

Morse will arise at 5 o'clock tomorrow morning for "house detail" and at 7:30 o'clock he will file into the big dining room with the motley horde of prisoners, white and colored, whose crimes range from "moon shining" to murder. He probably will be assigned to the tailor shop or put to work on the construction gang.

Mrs. Morse is expected to arrive here from New York tomorrow. After a conference with her husband she will return to New York and take up in earnest her declared purpose to seek a pardon at the hands of President Taft.

Just before reaching Atlanta Mr. Morse granted an interview to a newspaper man the last before he started his long sentence in the Federal prison "This is not the end," he declared; "in fact it is but the beginning. The fight has just started."

BRADLEY TO ARCTIC REGIONS.

Will Finance Another Expedition and Accompany Exploring Party.

Augusta, Ga., Jan. 3.—John R. Bradley, the New York millionaire, who backed Dr. Cook in his Polar expedition, confirmed to the Associated Press tonight that he contemplates another expedition into the Arctic ocean.

He expects to leave in July and his present purpose is to accompany it. He can give no details until he further hears from Capt. Sverdrup with whom he is in correspondence on the matter. Mr. Bradley says that the expedition is to have nothing to do with any of Cook's explorations and that it is but one of his private enterprises which he has sent not only into the Palor regions, but into Asia and Africa.

WATSON WOULD MEET BRYAN.

But Declines Joint Debate With Philadelphia Newspaper Man.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 3.—Declaring that he cannot afford to meet "every man or woman who desired to have a public discussion" with him on the subject, Thomas E. Watson, several times the Populist nominee for President of the United States, in a letter to local churchmen today declines to accept their challenge to meet William T. Ellis, a Philadelphia newspaper man, in joint debate on the subject of foreign missions.

Mr. Watson, however, says that he will be glad to meet William Jennings Bryan and debate the question with him.

In the letter Mr. Watson declares that he is not opposed to the principle of foreign missions in its entirety, but is opposed to the present methods employed.

AFFAIRS IN RALEIGH.

Several Charters Issued Yesterday—Hon. Ashley Horne Recovering.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 3.—The Virginia Power Co., Salisbury, received a charter today for the development of water power for the generation and transmission of electric current for commercial purposes. The capital is $50,000 authorized and $5,000 subscribed by Jno. J. Mott, N. B. McCanless, J. D. Norwood and others.

Other charters are to The Carolina Naval Stores Co., Newbern with plant in Morehead City, capital $100,000 authorized and $40,000 subscribed by C. W. Bilfinger, J. M. Howard and others, and The Carolina Brick & Tile Co., Charlotte, capital $150,000 by Paul Chatham, W. S. Lee, F. McM. Sawyer and others.

Friends throughout the State will be glad to learn that Hon. Ashley Horne is recovering rapidly now from the severe attack of pneumonia from which he has been confined to his bed for some time.

DENIED LEAGUE'S REQUEST.

Action of Baseball Commission on Amendment of Minor Leagues.

Cincinnati, Jan. 5.—The National Baseball Commission tonight denied the request of Class C., and D., leagues for an amendment of the rule concerning the purchase of minor league players.

The attention of the commission was called to the case by J. R. Farrell secretary of the National Association, who submitted a resolution offered at the recent meeting held in Memphis by the Class C., and D. leagues requesting that rule 36 be amended so that minor league players can be participated by one minor league club from another, without having such players report to the purchasing club on or before the commencement of the major league drafting season.

As the rule now stands when minor league players are purchased one minor league club from another, and they do not report by September 1st they are subject to draft from the clubs that they are with on August 20th.

STANDARD OIL CO. CASE.

Presented to Supreme Court of United States Yesterday.

Washington, Jan. 3.—The case of the Government vs. the Standard Oil Company, involving an effort on the part of the government to have the company dissolved as a trust under the Sherman anti-trust law, was presented to the Supreme Court of the United States in a preliminary way today on a motion to advance the hearing. The motion was presented by Solicitor General Rowers and was concurred in by the opposition. They asked to have March 1st designated as the time for the hearing. The court took the request under advisement. Calling attention to the fact that the case is one of the kind for the expediting of which the act of 1903 provided, the Attorney General and the Solicitor General say in their motion for an advance that "it involves questions of grave public interest affecting industrial combinations under the act of 1890 and" they add, "its early determination is very desirable."

FOUR FIREMEN KILLED

Wall of Building Collapsed Burying Them Beneath Debris.

Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 3.—Fire in the Milwaukee plant of the American Bridge Company tonight caused the death of four firemen who were buried under a falling wall, and $250,000 property damage. The firemen killed were Captain J. Hennessey, Lieut. Domnic O'Donnell and two truckmen.

Several firemen were injured and several suffered frost bitten noses while fighting the flames.

The engine company which suffered all the casualties was first to arrive and took its station under the main wall of the factory, a long two-story brick structure. The wall tottered and fell on the men and it was at first thought that all the members of the company met death but several were saved by a pocket in the collapsed wall.

MACON BANK TRIAL

Bannon and Wachtel Charged With Embezzlement There.

Macon, Ga., Jan. 3.—The trial of Charles Bannon and Alexander Wachtel, charged with embezzling $30,000 from the Exchange Bank began here today. Attorneys for the defense demurred to the indictments on various grounds and almost the entire morning session was taken up with arguments. The demurrer, however, was overruled and the selection of the jury completed before the noon recess, and when court re-convened in the afternoon the taking of evidence was begun.

George S. Jones and Campbell T. King, the only witnesses of the day, testified as to things transpiring while the bank's books were being audited. King said that Wachtel confessed to him that he had an agreement with Bannon whereby he could overdraw, and that Bannon also had admitted that such an agreement existed.

ANDERSON INTERURBAN

The Dukes Behind Big Enterprise in South Carolina.

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 3.—The enterprise backed by J. B. Duke and B. N. Duke, the tobacco kings, which proposes to extend the Anderson interurban trolley system from Belton through Williamston, Pelzer and Piedmont on to Greenville and thence 30 miles to Spartanburg was commissioned by Secretary Stile today. The initial capital is $300,000 with an ultimate two million. The name of the corporation is the Greenville, Spartanburg and Anderson Railway Company. The corporators are J. B. Duke, B. N. Duke, Ellison Smythe, W. J. Thackston, H. J. Haynesworth, Lewis W. Parker.

From Greenville the line is to be built to Taylor's creek, Pelham, Duncan, Reidsville, Wellford, Lockhart, Fairforest, Spartan Mills. The total length of the line will be 657 miles.

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ORDERS TO SUPERVISORS

With Regard to Taking Census of Negroes—The Enumerators.

Washington, Jan. 3.—Predicting that the coming count will show approximately 10,000,000 negroes in the United States directing that negroes be selected to count their race in those enumeration districts, where the blacks muster two fifths or more of the population, and requiring both white and negro enumerators in many Southern districts to preclude negroes from enumerating white, Census Director Duran today issued general instructions to supervisors:

"Negroes doubtless can obtain the information required from their own race more accurately than white enumerators," says Mr. Durand. "The white men of the South themselves recognize the desirability of employing negroes to do work of this character among their own race. I do not consider it desirable that in the Southern negroes appointed as enumerators should be authorized to enumerate white families. In many, if not in most, past of the South negro enumerators would not be able to obtain as accurate statistics regarding the white population as white enumerators could."

Longest English Lawsuit.

The longest lawsuit ever heard in England was that between the heir of Thomas Talbot, Viscount Lisle, and the heirs of Lord Berkeley respecting certain lands and possessions not far from Wootton-under-Edge, in the county of Gloucester. It commenced at the end of the reign of Edward IV. and was pending till the reign of James I., when a compromise took place after it had lasted about 120 years.—London Answers.

Unheeded Remonstrances.

"Was that you scolding a poor dog that was merely indulging his natural inclination to howl at the moon?" asked the kind hearted man.

"Yes," answered his neighbor.

"Don't you know you ought to be kind to dumb animals?"

"That dog isn't dumb; he's only deaf."—Washington Star.

There Was.

The disheveled bard entered the weary eyed editor's apartment.

"Is there an opening here for a poet?" he inquired.

"Yes, indeed," replied the editor, touching a button underneath his desk, and the next instant the poet disappeared through a trapdoor in the floor.—Exchange.

A Good Loser.

"John," she asked, "do you ever play poker for profit?"

"No," he replied thoughtfully; "the game serves as my way of being charitable."—Philadelphia North American.

What He Got.

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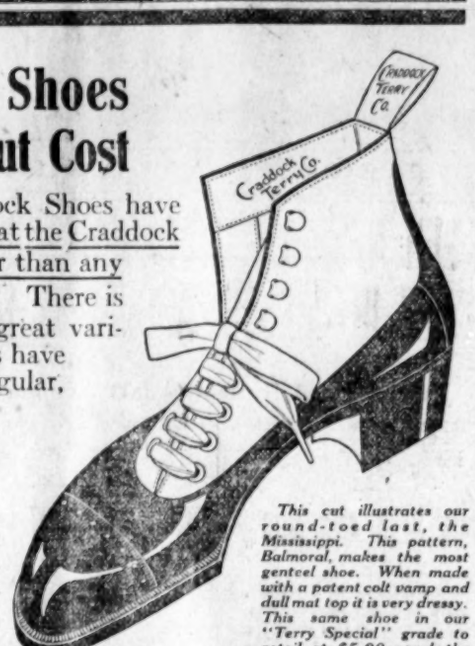

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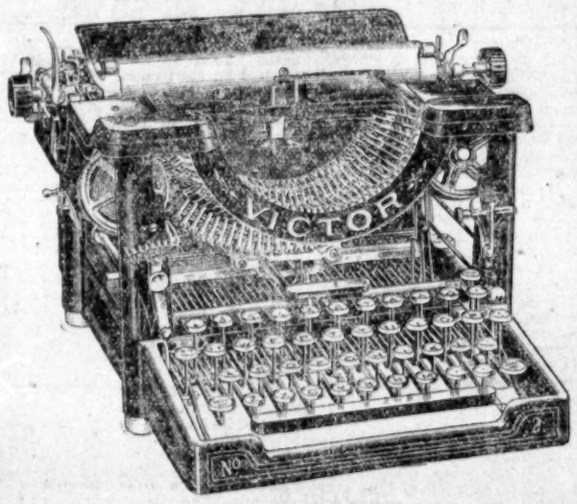

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THE STATE IN EPITOME

¶News, Comment and Incidents as Reflected in North Carolina. : : : : : : : : : :

Capt. Marshall's Stroke Slight.

Regarding the condition of Capt. J. C. Marshall, of Wadesboro, who suffered a stroke of paralysis on Saturday, yesterday's Charlotte Observer says: "A long distance telephone message from Wadesboro yesterday brought the comforting news that Mr. James C. Marshall of that city, had not suffered a serious stroke of paralysis, as some of his friends here feared, only his left foot and left leg being affected, and that he would be out before long. Mr. Marshall is well known in Charlotte where he frequently visited and where he numbers many warm friends."

Southbound "Cuts Out" Ansonville.

Charlotte Observer: Wadesboro, Jan. 2.—Ansonville people have waked up and a protest has been filed with the State Corporation Commission against the Winston-Salem South bound Railway Company on account of the proposed location of the depot for the new road. The depot as located now is over a mile from the town of Ansonville and if this decision is not reconsidered will practically result in the building of a new town where the railroad depot is located. State Senator James Lockhart, of Wadesboro, is representing the town and will endeavor to have the company change its location of the depot.

DOG-GONE TOUGH.

One by One the Cub Reporter Loses His Cur Friends.

(Winston-Salem Journal.)

A little black dog with a white ring around his neck had started to cross Liberty street yesterday afternoon and was transformed from an animated object into a mass of dead matter. He had sidled off the sidewalk and, like other dogs, was frolicking in the street when the catapult hurled his spirit into another world and left his bruised corpse exposed in the gutter. The reporter knew that dog. On many a warm night the little fellow had made friends with the news-gatherer as he walked across the square. The reporter had seen the little black cur—he was not registered—scamper around on the green, playing with other dogs and growling over a bone that he had snatched from the market. But there will be no more of this. In one brief interval a tail stopped wagging, two little eyes had closed and the garbage wagon was sent for.

Up the street an automobile sped and on the face of the chauffeur was the "struck a dog" expression.

"That makes two dogs killed in the past two days," said the cub reporter, as he wiped away two great tears after reading the story of the unfortunate little canine. "Alas, that other dog, I knew him well. He was brown and shaggy—and he got in front of an automobile, and it proved an irresistible force. I've a good notion to write something pathetic about him."

"If you write any more stories about poor little dogs who failed to get out of the way," sobbed the sympathetic proofreader as he leaned over the machine to watch the thrilling narrative as it emanated from the mental fertilizer, "make them funny. Humor is the best tonic in the world for daily reading. We should endeavor to make people laugh instead of essaying to make them cry."

"With the exception of one or two minor faults," protested the telegraph editor between two miniature earthquakes that impeded his articulation, "the stories that you have ground out at the expense of great mental fatigue are classic. Seems to me you should have compared the tears with turnips, for I have read about tears that size. There is a little superfuriousness about it; but it's good."

The fellow who worked so hard to produce an effect on the boys and Journal readers felt so good over his efforts that he borrowed twenty cents and treated to drinks.

THE YEAR ASTRONOMICALLY.

What Will Happen During 1910 in the Way of Eclispes and the Calendar.

(Charlotte Observer.)

Those who have taken the time to peruse the almanac for the year 1910 have discovered that some unusual things will happen up among the stars and that the holidays will also run out of the ordinary channel.

There will be four eclipses this year, two of the sun and two of the moon. This section will not receive the full benefits of these occasions. A total eclipse of the sun will occur May 9th, invisible to the United States but visible to Australia and adjacent oceans. A total eclipse of the moon is cheduled for May 23-24. This will be visible to North and South America, the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, and in part to southwestern Europe, the western portions of Africa and the extreme eastern part of Australia.

On November 1st-2nd will be presented a partial eclipse of the sun, invisible to the United States. This will be visible to the greater part of Alaska, the northeastern portion of Asia and the northern Pacific ocean. A total eclipse of the moon will be a disappearing stunt on tap for November 15th. This will be visible to Europe and Africa and in part to North and South America and southwestern Asia.

The new almanac tells of many things that will be interesting. Washington's birthday, the first legal holiday after New Year's falls on Tuesday; Easter is March 27th; July 4th on Monday; Thanksgiving Day is November 24th, and Christmas Day falls on Sunday, and what a wail from the little ones for the noise of celebration incident to the visit of Santa Claus will have to be subdued. Labor Day is September 5th.

Not a single "Friday the 13th" will occur in 1910 and the superstitious ones will have an easy time this year. Numerous narrow escapes will be recorded, for many Thursdays and Saturdays have 13 as the date. Easter Sunday is March 27th. Other church days for the year are: Epiphany, January 6th; Septuagesima, January 23rd; Sexagesima, January 30th; Quinquagesima, February 6th; Ashe Wednesday, February 9th; Palm Sunday, March 20th; Low Sunday April 3rd; Ascension Day, May 5th; Whitsunday, May 15th; Trinity Sunday, May 22nd.

CHARLOTTE RAILROAD TRAGEDY.

Young Man Knocked Down and Killed by Shifting Engine.

(Charlotte Observer.)

A not incriminating verdict was returned by the coroner's jury yesterday morning after investigating the circumstances attendant on the killing of young Andrew Styles near midnight Saturday night by a Seaboard switch engine. It had been rumored that the engine was unlighted and no warning of its approach given, but the evidence was to the effect that the headlight was burning, the bell was ringing and the speed not above four or five miles an hour, which is within the limit.

"That Andrew Styles came to his death by being run over by shifting engine No. 398 on the main yard track of the Seaboard road at the intersection of East Sixth street and the Seaboard road" is the exact language of the finding.

Styles, a young painter who had been here only about two months was in company with Earl Kirk and Will Collier. They started across the tracks going east. On the first track a sidetrack, stood a number of cars piled up with chestnut telegraph poles. This shut off the view of the approaching engine which was coming from the south. On the track beyond this a southbound Southern freight train was pulling out.

Styles was in front. He had gotten almost across or wholly across (the testimony differing) when he saw the engine and wheeled, being struck and dragged more than the length of Sixth street. When struck he was on the southern side of the street and when the engine was stopped he was lying four or five feet beyond the northern side. Kirk was struck either by the engine or the body of Styles and was knocked down, narrowly escaping injury.

Both Styles' arms were cut off just below the shoulders and he was almost unrecognizedly mashed about the face and upper chest.

EBEN CAGLE CAUGHT.

Old Fashioned Moonshiner in Federal Toils.

(News and Observer.)

Eben Cagle, an old offender, who has been wanted by the government for about six or seven years, has at last been landed. Last Thursday two deputy marshals and three deputy collectors from Raleigh went down into Richmond county, where Cagle was operating an illicit still, for the purpose of capturing him and his still. They went as far up in the county as Holman's mill, but were informed that Cagle had gone over into Randolph county. They then went to Randolph county in search of the wanted man, but learned there that he had gone to Mount Gilead, in Montgomery county.

Upon their arrival at Mount Gilead the United States officers found that Cagle had been captured by the town officers of that place. It seems that he drank too much of his own moonshine, became rowdy and was arrested. Just before he was arrested, it is said that he took his jug from his wagon, imbibed freely, and then took his pistol and fired into the air, as if in defiance of the law.

Some years ago Cogle was indicted by the government and convicted of altering a one dollar bill so that it represented a ten dollar bill. For this offense he served a term in the Atlanta prison.

About seven years ago the officers went after Cagle, but were attacked by him and his men. One of the gang was caught and convicted, but Cagle took to the hills. Since that time, it is said, he has been operating in the hills of Richmond and Anson counties, alongside the river that separates the two counties.

Cagle is charged with an assault on the United States officers and with three cases of blockading.

FEDERAL COURT AT RALEIGH.

Large Docket, Including Interesting "Black Hand" Case.

The News and Observer says of the approaching term of Federal Court at Raleigh:

"This is a 'Black Hand' case from Goldsboro, and it comes up the second time, there having been a mistrial at the last term of the court. In it Charles Williams, of Wayne county, is charged with writing threatening letters to J. W. Cole, of Goldsboro, saying that the writer is a 'Black Hand' member, 'No. 18,' and that if $100 is not paid that Cole will be exposed as having been connected with the burning of his store, and that death will follow this exposure.' The writer said that President McKinley was murdered by a "Black Hand' because he did not pay when called on and that 'you are not McKinley.' There were threats of rifle balls and dynamite bombs against Mr. Cole and family. Finally Mr. Cole placed a package at the place indicated for him to put the money and thus it was that Charles Wilkins came to be arrested when he went after the money, so the allegation in the case goes. In the trial the effort is to show that Wilkins wrote the 'Black Hand' letters."

Saved At Death's Door.

The door of death seemed ready to open for Murray W. Ayers, of Transit Bridge, N. Y., when his life was wonderfully saved. "I was in a dreadful condition," he writes; "my skin was almost yellow; eyes sunken; tongue coated; emaciated from losing 40 pounds, growing weaker daily. Virulent liver trouble pulling me down to death in spite of doctors. Then that matchless medicine—Electric Bitters—cured me. I regained the 40 pounds lost and now am well and strong." For all stomach, liver and kidney troubles they're supreme. 50c. at Robert R. Bellamy's.

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Delgado Sunday School	222	Miss Rosa May Furlong	353
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Miss Thelma Fillyaw	785	Brotherhood Railway Clerks.	359
Major Johnson	206	Miss Lydia Davis	240
Miss Fenley, for Hospital	209	Miss Lillian Vaughn	261
Mrs. C. Williams	2,502	W. E. Jays	321
St. John's Sunday School	2,686	Miss Mallie Houston	977
Miss Viola East	311	Fenley Bros.	1,649
D. Hendricks	217	Naval Reserves	206
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Ar. Weldon	4:55 pm	2:00 am
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Lv. Richmond	1:20 am	8:15 am
Lv. Petersburg	1:55 am	9:13 am
Lv. Weldon	3:40 am	11:35 am
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Tuesday, January 4, 1910.

SOUTH TOOK COTTON.

A month or so ago, before the cotton situation became fixed, we heard much of mill-curtailment. There were manufacturers' meetings to discuss the situation; warnings went forth; prosperity was having the shivers, and industry was on the point of spinal anaesthesia, if at that time it could have so expressed itself. Unless cotton "came down", and that speedily, the country was ruined, and no doubt about it. Then cotton kept on "going up" in the most unfeeling way imaginable, and strangely enough its rise in price—the very thing that ought to have rendered an "acute situation" entirely unbearable—seemingly had the opposite effect. The loud cries diminished both in volume and intensity. A hush settled over the Cotton Belt, punctuated only by the bucolic chuckles of farmers cashing their checks and—hark, to the sound!—the whir of spindles and the clatter of looms throughout the land.

We confess that in this development the pleasure inseparable from the facts that neither did cotton descend nor the mills shut down gains a fillip in the reflection that, without expert knowledge or statistical sense, we came very near to both diagnosis and prophecy. In the beginning the Star expressed itself as believing that the situation was made possible by the fact that many mills had sentimentally become "bears" by refusing to conservatively discount the chances of a "bull" turn to the crop situation, and that the disparity between the cotton goods markets and the price of cotton was one that would relieve itself in due time under the operation of natural laws. In other words, that the only course open to the mills was to take such medicine as was necessary, and not, by disorganizing themselves, to get in the position of requiring a worse dose later on. It now seems that the mills became quiet about the time they saw that the price of cotton was being fixed by the necessities of demand, rather than by artificial stimulus, and that thereupon they commenced to buy, where formerly they had stopped to complain. Since that time cotton has advanced still more, and the average mill that went into the market under protest is now enjoying the pleasures of a wise foresight. From a recent government report is taken this significant cotton item concerning the takings of American spinners during the three months of the present season:

"The takings of American spinners for the three months of the present season, says the report, were 1,517,194 bales, only 171,000 less than for the corresponding period of the preceding year. The decline in total takings is attributed exclusively to the curtailed demand of the Northern mills, the season's takings of the Southern mills, 696,973 bales, exceeding the corresponding figures for the past season."

There is comfort in this in several ways. First, the Southern mills have taken more than their proportionate share of the cotton. They got it at prices which now show a substantial profit. That means prosperity, of course, for Southern mills and the Southern section. Again, it appears that the mistake of curtailment has cost most heavily that section wherein it was most vigorously urged. It was from New England that the early reports of a large crop were so persistently circulated, and it was New England mills that so strongly sought to raise a great "bear" influence by bringing about a general stopping of cotton manufacture. The result shows that the Southern manufacturers used their heads, obtained the cream of the crop, and are now in a position to go forward with every advantage in their favor.

All of this, with fifteen cent cotton for the farmers, with continued work for the mill employes, and with certain profits in sight for the manufacturers, has all the makings of a New Year's industrial jubilee.

A NEAR-SERMON.

Every now and then the city of Charlotte gives evidence that it has a canker of sensation in its soul that makes it look with envy on its bigger, louder, and wilder neighbor down in Georgia. "Atlantaese" has become an adjective with a definite meaning. But Charlotte would, an' she wouldn't; she might, but she couldn't, and the result is sometimes a mixture of prudery and wantonness that has no charm of coquetry to hide its wrinkles.

The latest point of emulation is in the religious world, with Len. Broughton as the far-shining example and inspiration. In a Sunday morning sermon, one of the "Queen City's" pastors is reported to have begun his discourse for the New Year with the following chaste assertion:

"If I could read down deep in the hearts of every one here, I should find that not one-half of you believe in an endless Hell!"

According to the Charlotte Observer, this was "exclaimed," not in the way of congratulation, but in deep reproach. Having thus announced his suspicion of the lively hope of his congregation, this New Year's preacher proceeded to attack "Universalism" and "Unitarianism," and to "prove by the Scripture" that there is, indeed, a Hell. He summoned as witnesses Dives, Sapphira, Ananias and Nero, St. Paul and Christ, himself. All this he called "being fortified in the faith" and a "reiteration in his belief in what have long been regarded by the majority as the fundamentals of orthodox Christian belief."

Of course such a sermon attained its end. It won a half column of space in a newspaper that would have given the helpful and inspiring lesson of Christ not a "stickful." It helped no one and probably into some feeble mind threw the shadow of fear, when it needed all its strength to look upward and onward, to be better, and surer and happier. Whatever may be said about the existence of Hell, with its theatric accompaniments of brimstone, lakes of fire, and other devices suggestive of the Spanish Inquisition, this at any rate can be said with all scriptural authority, backed by personal observation and analysis of the world about us: That any Hell there is, is not to be escaped by running away from it. That is neither Christain philosophy nor ordinary human manliness. The virtue that is born of fear is sin in masquerade; and a preacher who would try to shoo his flock into heaven with a display of sulphurous fireworks, is not only having his celebration for his pains, but is, in proportion to the influence that is left him, doing the works of darkness rather than advancing the gospel of light. Old Omar was an agnostic, but he came sometimes near to the heart-beat of the world, as when, for instance:

"I sent my Soul through the Invisible,
"Some letter of that After-life to spell.
"And by and by my Soul return'd to me,
"And Answer'd, I myself am Heaven and Hell."

We said above that this sort of sermon gets a half-column, and the other sort a "stickful." Do not blame the newspaper for that; on the contrary, the fact has its hope. The paper is looking for "news." It desires the unusual. It has more space for the crank than for the sage. Where this one preacher was shouting Hell and the souls of men damned for all eternity, ten thousand others were telling the message of hope, were passing the word of cheer, were showing that in a world of wickedness, and doubt, and sorrow, the path to heaven is marked by service to men, and that, whatever the beatitude beyond life, there is a heaven of peace within it to all who shall so pursue their faith as to forget themselves.

Whatever the consensus of opinion about Tom Watson, the cause of missions is not to be helped any by putting up a champion to debate the question with the brilliant and erratic Georgian. Watson may not be a statesman; he may be an astute demagogue, or just a plain crank; but he has the gift of gab and an intellectual punch that may be depended upon to have anything the Mission Board may bring against him groggy with the blind staggers by the end of the second round. So far as Watson is concerned, the best method of combatting his attacks on missions is to deprive him of an audience.

"Everything" makes renewed appeal to everybody. Colonel Al Fairbrother, having proved himself a genius by yanking his nose away from the grindstone for a year's rest, again takes his seat before the unfeeling typewriter and proceeds to tell the world what's wrong with it. Curiously enough, the world likes to be told, however little it cares. In his announcement Colonel Fairbrother describes himself as a "modest wild flower." Wild, all right, and full of burs,—but modest! Now, say!

Mayor Gaynor is undertaking a mistaken effort at kindness when he tries to whitewash Charles F. Murphy. Murphy, as a Saint, would have to go out of business.

AFTER THE MANIFESTO—DOLLARS.

The strike against the "Steel Trust" is daily taking shape. It has now arrived at the assessment stage, Mr. Gompers having called for an initial contribution from the wage earners of the country of $154,000, to "fight the trust". This, of course, is but the first of many similar levies that will be laid on the back of labor in case the strike shall actually assume the proportions which Gompers, Mitchell and the rest hope for it. Oratory must receive its price—and the throats of the talkers are become dry.

Of course, this and succeeding contributions to the "cause" will merely amount to a tax on labor for the maintenance of idleness. It is the support of temporary vagrancy enforced in the interest of permanent agitation. In the distribution of the fund the money must flow through many crooked conduits before it shall even reach the men for whom it is supposed to be subscribed. There are many sink holes along the way, which must be filled before the stream can follow the course laid out for it. The history of these popular subscriptions has been that what enters the intake as a flood comes out of the spigot as a trickle.

To make a strike against the Steel Corporation in anywise effective, there must be a stoppage of work by at least fifty thousand men. To support them in the direct sort of poverty would require an expenditure of $100,000 a day, $3,000,000 a month, $36,000,000 a year. This sum would have to come out of labor in the mass, in the shape of individual taxes laid on the individual laborer. If wages are so scant as it is claimed they are, it will be seen that the suffering would not be confined to the steel workers, but would spread throughout the homes of the workers generally. In addition, a successful strike against the steel corporation would disorganize business generally, would cut down the demand for labor, while increasing the supply, and aside from the economic waste attendant on every great strike, would work powerfully against the prosperity of workers in every other line of industry. More, the strikers would probably number more than fifty thousand, the necessary sum for their support would probably be nearer five than three millions per month, and to this would have to be added the large percentage between money collected and money delivered, owing to the complexity of the organization and the multitude of salaries payable to the leaders of labor, who without exception work only with tongue, pen, or typewriter.

The above, of course, is mere speculation on possibilities. The proposed strike is wanting the merit of a real grievance. Steel employes are highly paid, well guarded and provided for. The "profit sharing plan", which Gompers attacks, was inaugurated seven years ago. Under its general terms employes are permitted to subscribe to the stock of the corporation at figures under the market price of its securities. Since its inception, many employes have invested, all of them have made a profit both in dividends and by increase in the value of their securities, and many of them have doubtless shared the prosperity of the corporation to the extent of a nice competence. The only grievance that Gompers has against this immense billion dollar business is that it will not deal with an organization represented by a man who has never employed labor himself, who has never conducted a business, and whose sole qualification as an expert has been gained by doing in the past what he is now attempting to do on a larger scale than ever, to-wit: exploiting the labor of others to the end of his own maintenance and power. In the light both of the steel corporation's resources—resources which it would be justified in straining for the maintenance of its independence in such an issue—and in the light of the great force of public opinion, this threatened strike is doomed either to die still-born, or to give at best but one feeble wail. It is therefore irritating to think of the money which the laboring men of the country are preparing to sow in the teeth of the wind, that Gompers and his organization may have a new field for a rich gleaning.

The papers are full of the remark of Col. Gordon, who, after presenting his credentials as Senator, called at the White House and afterwards said that President Taft seemed to be "a nice young fellow", and that he felt "just like putting my hand on his shoulder and calling him Bill". North Carolina can beat that, for when the late "Jud" Carrol wanted to be U. S. marshal, he wound up his call on President Cleveland by slapping him on the back and saying in a lowered tone of confidence, "Now ,sonny, I want that!" It will be remembered also, that he got it.

There will be 1,500 jobs in connection with the census in North Carolina in the shape of "enumerators". The Government may have trouble in finding so many in this State. The people are at work, and the young men are at school or college. Only recently a competitive examination for a cadetship at Annapolis had to be postponed because no boy in the district wanted the job.

COURAGE—AND OTHER THINGS.

The Winston-Salem Journal runs to the defense of Governor Kitchin at a point where he does not need it. With evident reference to the Shemwell matter, it says:

"Although believing that Governor Kitchin was imposed upon several days ago, The Journal along with thousands of others cannot help but admire his independence of action. As he stated the other day he is the Governor of North Carolina and he alone. Nobody would ever accuse Governor Kitchin of being a proxy—he is the man on the job. Without display he pursues the even tenor, probably regretting adverse criticism, but changing his attitude not one iota on account of it. The Journal sincerely admires Governor Kitchin, and disclaims any intention of attempting to embarrass him. We wish Governor Kitchin a happy new year and the strength to serve the people of North Carolina as his conscience and judgment may dictate."

If the Joural believes that Governor Kitchin was imposed upon, we fail to see any particular cause for its felicitating him upon an attitude which (acording to the Journal) is nothing more than a species of elementary stubbornness. What neither Governor Kitchin nor the Journal seems to appreciate is that in this case the Governor was not supposed to be acting for himself, but for all the people. The Governor recognized this fact in the first instance when he gave the reasons prompting him to grant a reprieve; he seems to have lost sight of it in his subsequent refusal to consider notorious facts tending to show fraud and deceit. Nobody doubts that Governor Kitchin is "brave," but such an attitude is beside the question of courage. It is not brave to be an egotist; and it is no sign of virtue to refuse to rectify a mistake or admit an error.

There is no "Back to Africa" support among the negroes, so long as a "Return from Elba" is on the cards.

The recent cold weather froze up Greensboro's supply of gas, but the Charlotte papers do not seem to have discovered the fact.

When Mr. Brokaw, worth a million and a half, swore that he was a poor man, he doubtless meant to say, "with" his wife.

A Charlotte preacher insists that there is a Hell. A man is most positive on those subjects with which he is best acquainted.

Is it just possible that while he was shaking those five thousand, seventy hundred and eighty-four hands at the New Year's reception, President Taft was cogitating legislation in suppression of the White Slavery of the White House?

The news is that the Nicaraguan insurgents are disappointed at the United States. This is like the man who "beats" a cigar and then asks for a match. Probably, having been armed and fed by this country, the insurgents expected Uncle Sam to shoot for them the guns he had provided.

Colonel "Jeems" Young, who holds a civil service position in the Federal building at Raleigh, spoke out forcibly at the Emancipation Celebration against the "Back to Africa" movement for the negro race. Colonel Jim doubtless sees nothing in Africa after a certain distinguished Nimrod shall have left it.

The Wilmington (N. C.) Star asks: "What will the Governor do?" Why ask the Governor of South Carolina to have a drink with him, of course.—Owensboro (Ky.) Inquirer. Our question had to do with what the Governor of North Carolina would do, not with what he would like to do. It might be added that when a man won't do what he might do, he does nothing.

Six great "railway kings" met with President Taft yesterday to discuss "interstate commerce". If these presidents of systems are no more lucid on interstate commerce than the average freight traffic manager is when it comes to testifying on interstate freight, the President's message on that subject will be something that it will take a Chinese brain to understand, should he think that he understands the presidents.

Expressing itself on the Shemwell case, the Charlotte News says, "The whole affair is of the mountain-from-the-mole-hill type, and it is getting tiresome." This comes neatly from the "city of confusional insanity". When some other ego-maniac attempts to "hold up" a train, and in the attempt kills the conductor, instead of merely scaring him knock-kneed, we shall expect the News to be the first to sign a petition for his pardon.

Poet Watson and Freedom of the Press.

Contemporary literary history was enlivened during the past month by the personal introduction to the American public of England's greatest poet. He came to unmask through "the freedom of the press" his versified attack of two prominent English women. A pitiable failure the whole scheme was, and I have no desire to throw any words at Mr. Watson. The interesting features of the affair are only incidentally concerned with literature. The poem itself is not remarkable. It is better than we expect to find in the daily output, but it is far from expressing with finality the universal theme that is behind it. A comparison of Mr. Watson's lines with Pope's somewhat similar characterization of Addison in his "Epistle to Dr. Arbuthnot" instantly shows how much below standard the present poem is. But the poem as a poem is not bad; it was the interview that accompanied and explained it that gave the "Town Topics" flavor to it. Aside from all of this, one consideration of interest presents itself. The "freedom of the press" is quite obviously a thing different from what Mr. Watson and many other foreigners conceive it to be. It does not mean that an individual is free to speak whatever he thinks and feels. Freedom to speak is too high a privilege not to be held sacred by those who enjoy it. The censorship of freedom is, therefore, more rigorous than libel laws. Manners, among other things, have thereby steadily improved since the 18th century model that Mr. Watson set for himself. Comparisons with the brilliances of our Augustan period and with its more robustly great predecessors allow us at least one gratifying reflection; whether we require our writers to be better writers or not, we do require them to be better gentlemen.—E. K. Graham in N. C. Review.

CURRENT COMMENT.

A car of whiskey was burned near Macon. It is gratifying to know that in these dry times there is a brand of whiskey that is susceptible to fire.—Goldsboro Argus.

Chancellor Day says that "if I were a young girl I would not go driving with a young man unless he could drive with one arm." But if Chance were a young girl, in such a case he might decide that he would like to hold the reins himself and drive a spell.—Augusta Herald.

A subscriber has asked us to explain the meaning of the words "Pan-Hellenic" so often used now in the news columns. Our highbrow in Greek submits the following on the etymology, by syllables: "Pan," means all; "hell", as in English, and "enic", a causative affix, meaning the ability to raise, or habit of raising or rousing.—Houston Chronicle.

In the stomach of a mule killed by a train in North Carolina was found a newspaper, and, needless to say, it had not been digested. It was a copy of the Raleigh News and Observer.—Charleston News and Courier. Perhaps it was what killed the mule. This suggestion is offered to the railroad lawyers for what it may be worth when the damage suit comes up.—Norfolk Landmark.

A writer in the Washington Post presents figures showing that meats and almost all other kinds of foods cost considerably more in Washington than in Buffalo. He also shows that employes of the canal commission on the Isthmus of Panama fare better than people in the cities at home—this, of course, because the commission furnishes them food at wholesale cost. It would seem that the cost of living, while high everywhere, varies irregularly according to the locality.—Charlotte Observer.

We were much interested in an editorial in the Wilmington Star commenting on the fact that the Charleston News and Courier had made the people of the United States think Charleston is larger and more important than it is. A Philadelphia gentleman is quoted as saying that the blankety-blank News and Courier left the impression that Charleston is more important than Philadelphia. And that is a fact. The News and Courier is ably edited and has the moral and financial support of its town. If the paper did not represent the town, no such idea would prevail. The newspapers are the greatest asset of any community, and the Charleston people realize the fact.—Winston-Salem Journal.

The 2,000 cherry trees that Tokio is to send for the adornment of Washington were procured through the efforts of a lady, it seems, who had tried for years to interest the park officials of the capital city in the subject, but failed until Mrs. Taft joined in the effort. The trees, which will be in Washington soon, are of the finest varieties known to the Japanese, a people famous the world over for their skill in the cultivation of trees, and especially of cherry trees. Our unsuperstitious readers may need to be informed that cherry trees are held to be "lucky" trees.—Index-Appeal.

The romance is rapidly being wrung out of life. A few years ago a South Carolinian might have written opposite his name on the register, "Tip Top", "Horse Gall", "Scuffletown", or "Catarrh", but now "R. F. D. No. 3" or "No. 5" is the usual arid and empty description of the neighborhood from which he hails. To register from "Tip Top" or "Catarrh" was to write oneself down as entitled to a certain distinction. It was obviously impossible for a commonplace individual to come out of Horse Gall in Hampton county or out of Sandy Flat in Anderson or Pumpkintown in Pickens.—Columbia State.

While he was awaiting trial before his last conviction, Abe Ruef's appearance bond was fixed at $750,000 After conviction, and pending appeal, the collossal grafter was released from jail in San Francisco on only $200,000 bail. One of Ruef's pleas for reduced bail was that it was unhealthy and uncomfortable for him in prison, and that the surroundings there were repulsive to the sensibilities and injurious to the morals of one accustomed to the refined society in which Ruef had been circulating before his prosecution. It looks very much as if our biggest malefactors are outgrowing our jails.—Norfolk Landmark.

Mr. Bryan has been trapesing the country for months, just as he did in 1895, 1899, 1903 and 1907, laying down the law for Democracy, dictating the planks of the next platform, and declaring war on all and singular who dare to disagree with or to criticise him. And his adherents everywhere, just as they did in former years, are zealously sneezing whenever he takes snuff, and jealously seconding the condemnation he deals out to every newspaper and public man daring to challenge his dominion. No better proof is needed that he is seeking another nomination and that the thick and thin Bryanites are already working to smooth his paths thereto. The time to head him off is now, and nothing that we can do to accomplish that consummation shall be consciously omitted.—Virginian Pilot.

The News and Observer quotes "one of Raleigh's most successful business men" as predicting that within less than five years cotton will be selling for 25 cents a pound. Possibly so, but the farmer who, banking on that prediction, puts all his land in the staple, to the neglect of food crops, will be adopting a most certain and effective method of bankrupting himself before that time rolls round. Our fear is that the present high price is apt to prove ultimately more of a curse than a blessing to the Southern planters, that they are more likely to see within the next five years the price of the staple lowered again to 10 than elevated to 25 cents a pound. The matter rests largely with themselves. Normal production is the safest course to pursue. To attempt to overdo the thing is to invite, if not to ensure, disaster.—Virginian-Pilot.

In the first installment of the polar narrative which he is contributing to Hampton's Magazine, Commander Peary sets forth the items on his supply list. These include: Flour, 16,000 pounds; coffee, 1,000 pounds; tea 800 pounds; sugar, 10,000 pounds; kerosene, 3,500 ballons; bacon, 7,000 pounds; biscuit, 10,000 pounds; condensed milk, 100 cases; pemmican, 30,000 pounds; dried fish, 3,000 pounds; smoking tobacco, 1,000 pounds. Thus of his limited total one and two-fifths short tons were divided between coffee, tea and tobacco—three articles which have no food value whatever, but are all, on the contrary, stimulants (tobacco is a narcotic stimulant) more or less injurious in their tendency. It seems a trifle queer, yet it is strictly in accord with the facts of human appetite and even of human efficiency. Unless men have certain accustomed luxuries they are uncomfortable and discontented; when uncomfortable and discontented they are not at their best for achievement. So it is not clear that Peary acted wrongly in this matter, after all.—Charlotte Observer.

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WORK ON WATERWORKS PLANT

Water and Sewerage Commission in Monthly Session Hears Report of First Day's Progress—Will Add Two Forces.

The regular monthly meeting of the Water and Sewerage Commission was held at the City Hall last night, Chairman Worth presiding and Commissioners W. E. Perdew and M. W. Jacobi in attendance. There were present also Col. W. F. Robertson, superintendent, and Engineer Anderson, of the firm of Hazelhurst & Anderson, consulting engineers.

The commission was called to order at 8 o'clock and while no great amount of business of general interest was transacted it was 11 o'clock when adjournment was taken. Mr. Anderson submitted plans for the reservoir and the new sedimentation basin at the pumping station, which were approved by the commission. The commission has advertised for bids covering this work and other equipment at the pumping station to be opened January 12th.

It was reported to the commission that J. W. Gurley & Co., of Mobile, Ala., which firm has the contract for the construction work in connection with the reconstruction and behabilitation of the waterworks system, had begun yesterday morning the excavations preparatory to the laying of piping at corner of Fifth and Taylor streets. A large force of hands was at work and within a few days there will be three forces in different sections of the city. Fair progress was made the first day and the members of the commission see no reason why the work should not be pushed to completion as rapidly as consistent with thorough and painstaking workmanship. At least 80 per cent. of the piping has either been delivered or shipped from the factory. From the pumping station to Fifth and Taylor streets will be laid 24-inch piping, west from Fifth street will be laid 20-inch and south from Taylor will be laid 16-inch. The force put to work yesterday morning is in charge of Mr. B. F. Roberts, an employe of the contracting firm. Mr. J. W. Gurley is in the city and will spend a great portion of his time on the works. While the contracting firm has probably had more experience in the construction of sewerage than water systems, the commission feels that the work is in thoroughly competent hands and that a good job will be turned out.

The various problems which come up in connection with such a big undertaking were discussed at great length by the members of the commission, the superintendent and engineer before the hour of adjournment, besides the auditing and approving of a large number of bills.

COUNTY BOARD EDUCATION.

Regular Monthly Meeting Last Night. Apportionment of Fund.

The County Board of Education met in regular monthly session last night at 8 o'clock in the office of Supt. Washington Catlett at the Court House, Mr. W. H. Sprunt presiding in the absence of Chairman J. O. Carr, who is out of the city on legal business. The other member of the Board, Capt. J. H. Hanby, was present, as were also Prof. Catlett and County Treasurer Green.

The meeting was one of the most important that will be held during the year as it was the time for the semi-annual apportionment of the school fund. The report of County Treasurer Green showed that there was $28,020.24 of the general school fund, of which amount there had been overdrawn for buildings, etc., $17,422.29, leaving a balance available to be apportioned for completing repairs, etc., and applying to salaries, $10,497.95. Of this amount the board set aside $1,497.95 to be used for repairs, etc., leaving $9,000 to be divided among the different schools of the county. The work of apportioning to each school the amount it is entitled to, will be done by Prof. Catlett within the next day or two. There are in the county, according to the census, 7,693 children of school age, that is between six and 21, of which number 5,934 reside in the city, therefore the bulk of the money goes to the city schools.

Professor Catlett submitted his report for the month of December, showing the number of visits made to the schools and also a statement of the enrollment and average attendance during the month as compared with December of the preceding year, which was decidedly in favor of 1909.

The books of County Treasurer H. McL. Green were audited and approved by the board.

After discussing a number of matters of importance pertaining to the schools of the county, the board adjourned at 10 o'clock.

THE COTTON RECEIPTS.

Last Week of January Shows increase in Cotton—Naval Stores.

An increase of 1,402 bales of cotton is shown in the receipts of the last week in December over the same period last season from the statement posted at the Chamber of Commerce yesterday. The receipts for the period mentioned are 9,698 bales against 8,296 last season.

An increase is also shown in the receipts of spirits of turpentine as compared with the month of December last season, the receipts being 600 casks against 466 casts. Other naval stores items show a decrease. The cotton receipts for the month at the port are 31,008 bales.

SCHOOLS RESUME SESSIONS.

All Institutions Start Spring Terms With Increased Attendance.

After a suspension for the holidays, all the city schools and not a few of the private and rural institutions resumed their terms yesterday and reports of increased attendance come from quite all of them. At the Wilmington High School there was a registration of 283 after the holidays, Hemenway 814, and Union 1,115, making a total of 2,212 in the white schools of the city. Of the colored schools, Williston registered 762 and Peabody 584, making a total of 1,346. The grand total attendance in all the schools after the holidays exceeds that for last year by 203.

THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Only Routine and Unimportant Business Matters Transacted at Regular Monthly Meeting Yesterady—Jurors.

Only routine and unimportant business matters were transacted at the regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Commissioners at the regular monthly meeting yesterday afternoon.

The Board met at 3 o'clock, Commissioner Robertson presiding in the absence of Chairman McEachern and Messrs. Vollers, Divine and Montgomery in attendance. After minutes of preceding special and regular meetings had been read and approved, Mr. Sam Bear was heard with reference to some back taxes on rice swamp lands purchased years ago when the old National bank failed. Mr. Bear had understood the taxes were paid when he purchased the lands and did not know differently until the land was recently sold to Mr. D. L. Gore, for $1 an acre. The request for relief was referred to the Finance Committee.

Request of Mrs. Betsey Spivey, of Delgado, for relief, was referred to the superintendent of health. Mrs. R. Sanders, Masonboro township, was continued on the outdoor poor list at $3 per month, pending investigation. C. G. Coster, dyer at the Wilmington Cotton Mills, requested relief from an overcharge of income tax, and the matter was referred to the Finance Committee. Request of T. W. Wood for remission of taxes on property recently purchased from estate of H. W. Collins, was referred to the Finance committee. Dr. Russell Bellamy appeared before the Board and said that he had not yet become a citizen of North Carolina and would not become so for two years, therefore he asked relief from taxes. The matter was referred to the Finance Committee. Melinda Spivey was granted $2 per month on outdoor poor list, pending investigation.

The Register of Deeds reported 35 marriage licenses during December and payment of $33.25 into the county treasury. The report of the County Home superintendent showed 17 patients during December and 15 convicts. Reports were also read of the monthly inventory at the jail, the superintendent of health, all of which were referred to the Finance Committee. Request of Mr. T. W. Wood for reduction of assessment upon Carolina Place property of American Suburban Corporation, a number of the lots having been sold and listed separately, was considered at length and an adjustment made, reducing the assessment from $20,000 to $13,500.

The report of the clerk of the Recorder's court shows for December, fines of $209.85; costs, $282.55; total $942.40. There were 25 sentences to the roads, appeals being noted in 18 of the cases.

The report of the Superintendent of Health showed 121 patients treated in the office during the month, three cases of diphtheria and five of scarlatina. One case of pneumonia was treated at the camp and the patient recovered, and one case of fever constituted the acute sickness in the county institutions during the month. One convict died as the result of injuries received in the camp and one convict at the County Home, a woman, died of tuberculosis during the month. The superintendent read a report of his investigation as to patients on the outdoor poor list and action was taken in accordance with the recommendation of the superintendent, further time being asked as to complete list.

The acting chairman reported with Commissioner Montgomery, recommending the strawing of the Federal Point road, and same was ordered.

Bids for feeding county live stock was read and referred to Commissioner Vollers for such action as he may deem expedient.

The following jurors were drawn for the two weeks' term of Superior Court, which convenes Jan. 24th.

First week—C. J. Reaves, T. H. Griffin, F. W. Sears, G. A. Warren, Frank Herbst, J. W. Hardy, Roderick MacRae, J. A. Tripp, E. L. Green, H. P. Munson, R. D. Tucker, W. C. Smith, J. E. Boylan, C. E. Parker, B. A. Merritt, Fulton T. Allen, J. J. Mohr, C. R. Yopp, J. H. Johnston, E. T. Jewell, Jas. A. Northam, W. H. Scarborough, S. J. Ellis, C. T. Grant, J. A. Applewhite, E. A. Moore, J. H. Aman, B. C. Jones, J. W Foreman, Chas. D. Morrill, R. L. Jackson, Geo. Brooks, L. V. Cate, A. J. Mitchell, Spencer LeGrand, C. C. Brown.

Second Week—G. R. Rogers, Preston Cumming, A. W. Clemmons, C. R. Fullwood, Jas. L. Edge, T. J. Quinlivan, Washington Catlett, J. J. Piver, I. C. Pickett, J. H. Lee, Louis E. Hall, A. B. Skelding, B. J. Jacobs, Ed. H. Munson, Henry H. Hall, M. M. Croswell, W. G. Herring and F. W. Mohr.

FUNERAL OF MRS. STYRON.

Services Held From the Late Residence Yesterday Morning.

The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Styron, widow of Mr. W. H. Styron, whose death occurred early Sunday morning, was held from the late residence, 818 Dock street, at 10 o'clock yesterday morning, conducted by Rev. Thos. A. Smoot, pastor of Grace Methodist Church. Special music was arranged. There were a large number of relatives and friends present and many beautiful floral tributes were banked around the grave in Oakdale cemetery, where the body was laid to rest. The pall bearers were: Honorary, Col. John D. Taylor, Capt. Preston Cumming, Dr. G. G. Thomas, and Herbert McClammy, Esq.; active, Messrs. E. Boushee, M. W. Jacobi, W. W. Hodges, W. B. Cooper, L. W. Davis and L. B. Rogers.

Plumbers Were Kept Busy.

The pleasant, balmy weather of yesterday brought out the real damage in the city during the past week in frozen pipes, etc., and there were many hurry calls for the plumber. A record was kept at the office of Mr. Wilbur R. Dozier, on North Front street, and from 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon until 7 o'clock last night, there were something over 200 calls for help. All the plumbers were kept on the "go", but the rush will be over today ,it is expected.

BIG MASS MEETING SUNDAY

Several Addresses in Interest of Laymen's Missionary Movement and Resolutions Adopted—Large Attendance.

Probably two hundred representative citizens of Wilmington assembled in the Academy of Music Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock to attend the mass meeting in the interest of the world-wide interdenominational Laymen's Missionary Movement, the greatest force known to the present time in spreading the Gospel to all parts of the world.

The primary object of the gathering was to arouse greater interest in the movement in order that this city will be largely represented at the State convention which will be held in Greensboro January 12th to the 14th, inclusive. The movement has had the endorsement of practically all the churches of Wilmington and it is hoped that at least 100 citizens will represent this city at the State convention, and if the large attendance at the mass meeting is any indication of the local interest in the movement, no city in the State will be more fully represented when the larger body is called to order on the 12th. The meeting Sunday was representative of every walk of life and the speakers were given most careful attention. At the close of the meeting resolutions were adopted endorsing the efforts of the Greensboro citizens and providing for the appointment of a citizen's committee to work for a large delegation from Wilmington.

The meeting was opened with prayer who presided, made a short talk, in which he referred to the failure to which he referred to the failure to take advantage of many opportunities in the past and urged deepest interest in the movement that greater things might be accomplished in 1910. He believed that the movement would eventually accomplish the end sought —the evangilization of the world. Such a movement has never been known to the world before. The people are being drawn closer together and are working in concert for the one great end. He explained that the present National campaign would result in the holding of conventions similar to the one in Greensboro in 70 cities of the United States and the placing of 70,000 men in close touch with the work before the 1st of May, when the great world convention will be held in Glasgow. Some 10 or 12 cities in North Carolina are holding meetings similar to the one here, preparatory to the Greensboro convention, which means great things, he said. Mr. Malloy said that illness prevented the presence of Mr. A. M. Scales, of Greensboro, who was announced to deliver the principal address, and said that his place would be supplied by Mr. J. Allen Taylor, of Wilmington. Mr. Malloy then introduced Mr. C. E. Mason, of Charlotte, who told "How to be a missionary."

In beginning Mr. Mason said that it was not a question of whether one believed in missions or not, but rather a question of carrying out God's command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel." "If the millions in other countries are not saved," said the speaker, "you and I will be responsible. God has not called all to go to foreign fields. Those who stay at home have a duty to perform as well as those at the front. There is a vast difference between a home missionary and being a missionary at home.' The speaker then told how to be a missionary at home. First, one must be baptized with the missionary idea . The speaker believed it possible to evangelize the world in the next generation. Second, the giving of your money, of your means. Third, you are just as much a missionary if you toil at your different works here as if you go to the foreign fields, and some of you are better prepared to toil at home than you are to go. The speaker believed that the time would come when every Christian would have a personal representative in the foreign fields. He said that many could not go personally to the foreign fields but all could pray. The fourth and last was the parents, to give their children for the work in the foreign fields. In conclusion he emphasized the importance of obeying the command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel."

When he had concluded Miss Mary McIntosh delighted the audience with a solo, after which Mr. J. Allen Taylor was presented. Mr. Taylor's address was of a most interesting and practical nature. After calling attention to the four different religions existing in the world he said that none except the Christian religion had progressed one iota and had not produced anything for the betterment of the world. The Chinaman, for instance, he won't steal, his word is his bond, but he has not the true conception of honesty in that he does nothing for the uplift of humanity. Mr. Taylor then dwelt at some length on the purpose and importance of the movement, which seeks to evangelize the world, not by cross fire but by united and harmonious action, for the world is too large and the field too broad to confine the work to one, two or three agencies alone. So this is the whole Christian world's movement. The men have come back to the idea that they and not the clergy are the church. They have to give their support to everything that would be carried out by the clergy. In conclusion the speaker said that we have the only religion that will make the world brighter and better and endure through eternity and that it was the duty of all to help spread it to all parts of the world.

After the singing of a hymn, Rev. Dr. John M. Wells, the able pastor of the First Presbyterian church, was presented and he made one of those powerful addresses for which he is widely known. He spoke of the great awakening all over the world and of all the movements he considered the Laymen's Missionary the greatest. It has already produced effects and results. First, it has resulted in the division of the heathen land among the churches, each taking the responsibility of evangelizing a certain territory. In the second place it has resulted in stirring up the men in all denominations. Last year Canada was stirred from center to circumference by the missionary movement and this year it is sweeping over the United States. In referring to the Greensboro convention he said that it was the duty of the men of this city to go and receive the great blessing which would surely come to them by attending. The business man will ask how can he afford to leave his business and spend two or three days in such work. He can afford to and should do it, first because he will catch such a vision of his duty he never had before and second, because he will bring back to his church the blessing of the gathering.

When Dr. Wells concluded cards were distributed among the audience for signature, signifying that the signer would attend the meeting in Greensboro. While this was being done Col. Wm. F. Robertson read the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, That we approve this co-operative feature of the Laymen's Movement, and that a committee, known at the City Co-Operative Committee, representing the various churches of the city, should be formed immediately at the close of this meeting and requested to take the proper steps to secure permanent results from this effort.

"That it is the sense of this meeting that our city should be represented at the North Carolina Convention by not less than 100 delegates to consist of representative laymen from each church.

"That we appreciate the spirit and efforts of our Greensboro brethren, that we tender to them our thanks and pledge them our sympathy and support in the good work which they are endeavoring to promote."

Mr. Malloy stated that such a committee as provided for in the resolutions had already been appointed and would hold a meeting immediately after the adjournment of the mass meeting.

After the singing of the doxology the benediction was pronounced by Rev. C. F. Whitlock, pastor of Brooklyn Baptist church.

CITY BOARD OF HEALTH.

Regular Monthly Meeting Held Yesterday Afternoon—Reports.

The regular monthly meeting of the City Board of Health was held in the Mayor's office at the City Hall at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. There was no special business for consideration and the board was in session only a short time.

The report of Dr. Thos. B. Carroll, meat and dairy inspector, for the month of December, as made to Dr. Joseph Akerman, city superintendent of health, was as follows: "During the month of December I made 28 inspections of dairies and dairy farms, and with one exception sanitary and health conditions were good. One permit, No. 75, was granted to sell milk at No. 17 South Ninth street. I made 1,665 post examinations of slaughtered meats, as follows: 1,522 hogs; 110 cattle and 33 sheep with five condemnations (four hogs and one of cattle).

From the health department were reported: Forty-three deaths during the month of December, 19 whites and 24 colored; 57 births, 19 whites and 38 colored. There were 6,226 inspections of premises, 2,831 surface closets ordered cleaned; 2,150 orders for disinfectants. For the first time in many months the city is free from diphtheria, the last case being discharged several days ago. There are at present two cases of scarlet fever and one of typhoid. During the month 16 fumigations were made.

The meeting was presided over by Mayor Walter G. MacRae, and Dr. Joseph Akerman, city superintendent of health, was at his place as secretary. The other members present were: Mr. Joseph D. Smith and City Engineer C. R. Humpareys.

Dr. Akerman reported difficulties in locating and ascertaining the ownership of private sewer lines. Mr. Humphreys stated that the matter would be covered in his recommendation for a survey and map of the city.

JOINT PYTHIAN INSTALLATION.

Four Wilmington, Delgado and Cronly Lodges United in Ceremonies.

Plans were perfected last night for a big joint installation of all the officers of the four Wilmington Pythian lodges and those of Delgado and Cronly, N. C., in Castle Hall, this city, on next Thursday evening. A committee of arrangements from all the lodges is now at work on a programme of pleasing exercises for the occasion. There will be music and a programme of entertaining short addresses on live Pythian topics, with such other features as will be of interest and profit. Stonewall Lodge last night named Mr. Jere Holmes as its member of the Joint Committee, Clarendon has named Mr. W. M. Branch; Jefferson, Mr. L. B. Rogers and Delgado Mr. T. A Compton. Cronly will send down a large delegation for the evening and an occasion of much interest to all Pythians is expected.

BUILDING BADLY DAMAGED.

Heavy Loss by Collapse of Third Floor of Hall & Pearsall Building.

The damage to the building of Messars. Hall & Pearsall, the wholesale grocers, by the collapse of the third floor several days ago, which partially wrecked the place, will be at least $3,000.

Besides wrecking a portion of the third floor, it was otherwise considerably damaged, the roof of the building directly over that part of the floor having also come down in the crash. Fifty tons of bagging was stored on the third floor when it collapsed, which overloaded it without sufficient support to hold it up. A force of workmen are making repairs which will likely require some time.

Grocery Store Broken Into.

Some time during Sunday night the grocery store of Messrs. Bannerman & Freeman, Fourth and Walnut streets, was broken open by unknown persons, a tub of butter, eggs and a large quantity of other provisions having been stolen. There is no clue to the burglar or burglars.

THE CULINARY ART reaches its highest attainment with SAUER'S FLAVORING EXTRACTS

The Theatre

After a week let down the Crystal Palace re-opened yesterday, and the fresh start was a most auspicious one. The weather was just such as to bring out the crowds and the big new bill presented was certainly attractive enough to entertain them. The bill offered is larger than usual and includes two big double acts, and it is especially pleasing as there is plenty of comedy, and singing and dancing, always popular, holds prominent sway. Each act is good and made a big hit yesterday. The Lees, Harry and Virginia, presented a rousing legitimate comedy act. It was a swell playlet entitled, "Her Brother's Chum," and caught the fancy and applause of the audience from the very start. A lot of singing and dancing were introduced. LeRue and Brock, who are well known artists, also appeared on the boards and served up a rapid fire comedy act that made the big audience laugh all the time. Then Lew Webber did a single comedy turn that was immensely pleasing and Miss Emma Brockway Austin, who is a most attractive singer and a graduate of the New York Conservatory of Music, presented a new song hit, that was beautifully illustrated.

So the bill this week gives promise of scoring a big triumph.

Biggest Star of the Season.

Wilmington theatre-goers are not only agog, but seem to be wildly excited over the engagement at the Academy Thursday night of the famed Lillian Russell, one of the greatest and most popular stars the United States has ever produced. This celebrated comedienne, supported by a Broadway company, headed by Dig by Bell, will present George Hobart's big success, "The First Night," and the importance of this attraction should be fully realized by Wilmington playgoers and be duly appreciated, and to the extent of a "standing room only" audience. There could be no greater attraction offered than Miss Russell and hopes of future engagements from her and other big Broadway stars, who make a short tour through the South every year, depends, of course, and quite naturally, upon the size of the audience accorded her. It is also important to note that Wilmington is the only city in North Carolina Miss Russell visits this season. Seats will go on sale at the Crystal Palace tomorrow morning and the free list will be entirely suspended for this engagement.

At the Bijou Today.

At the Bijou today the offering is "The Little Teacher," a comedy of music schools days, and "Consul Crosses the Atlantic." Of the former the film makers say: "The subject is one of dainty, rustic simplicity and is bound to please all, particularly the ladies and children." Of the second: "Consul the Great," the human ape, of marvelously manlike tastes and actions, came to the country on the auge steamship George Washington recently. Since his arrival here he has been continually busy building his already world-wide reputation as an entertainer. His daily life and experiences are admirably and humorously depicted in scenes which command not only approval, but the enthusiasm of every audience."

THE RECORDER'S COURT.

Two Sessions Were Held Yesterday—Sailor Heavily Fined.

The Recorder held two sessions of his court yesterday, one in the morning and the other in the afternoon. At the morning session the principal defendant was John Erwin, white, an attache of the revenue cutter Seminole, charged with assault with deadly weapon and carrying concealed weapons, being one of the five sailors who raised a disturbance at the Champion compress several days ago. The other four were tried last week and given three months on the county roads, from which they took an appeal. Wm. J. Bellamy, Esq., appeared for Erwin and entered a plea of submission in both cases, pleading for leniency for his client. The defendant was fined $50 and costs for carrying concealed weapons and $25 and costs in the assault case. He paid the amount late in the afternoon and was released.

Wm. B. Watson, Mike Bryant and A. L. Durham, well known white men, were arraigned on the charge of disorderly conduct on a street car and refusing to pay their fares. Durham entered a plea of submission. All three were adjudged guilty and required to pay a fine of $10 and costs. For disorderly conduct Henry Williams, colored, paid a fine of $5 and costs. Cornelia Everett, colored, was drunk and down and enriched the treasury to the extent of $5 and costs, and Bessie Pridgen, colored, had to pay a similar amount for disorderly conduct. A case against John Abraham, colored, for disorderly conduct was dismissed. George Nichols, colored, was arraigned on the charge of stealing a bicycle from the J. Hicks Bunting drug store. Several witnesses for the State were examined but final disposition of the case was postponed until this morning, the defendant claiming that he could produce a witness to testify that he found the "bike" on Nixon street. Nichols was arrested when he offered the wheel for sale at a bicycle shop yesterday morning.

The afternoon session was for trying Sam Cooper, colored, on the charge of stealing three barrels of apples from the Hicks Company on Christmas Day. The case was sent up from Justice George Harriss' court. The negro had summoned as witnesses for him a negro serving a term on the county roads and Patrolman Minshue, but they were not put on the stand, the defense relying on the weakness of the State's case. Geo. L. Peschau, Esq., counsel for the negro, was unavoidably absent and in order that the trial might proceed Recorder Furlong asked L. Clayton Grant and Walter P. Gafford, Esqs., to appear for the negro. The Recorder found the defendant guilty and sentenced him to three months on the roads. Notice of appeal was given and appearance bond was fixed at $50.

CAMPBELL ENCAMPMENT.

Installment of Officers Last Night—Other Business.

At the regular meeting of Campbell Encampment No. 1, I. O. O. F., last night the following officers were installed for the ensuing term by District Deputy Grand Master C. W. Stewart, assisted by Grand Patriarchs W. L. Smith, J. T. King, P. H. Murphy, W. H. Yopp and J. O. Vann:

Chief Patriarch—Robert Robbins.
High Priest—J. W. Robinson.
Senior Warden—W. J. Mallard.
Junior Warden—J. E. Willson.
Scribe—John E. Wood.
Treasurer—P. H. Murphy.
Guide—J. W. Overby.
First Watch—J. J. Craig.
Second Watch—C. Y. Devaun.
Third Watch—J. W. Fredericks.
Fourth Watch—A. F. Walton.
First Guard of Tent—O. J. Vann.
Second Guard of Tent—W. H. Yopp.
Inside Sentinel—E. D. Craig.
Outside Sentinel—W. G. T. Keen.
Trustees—John E. Wood, W. L. Smith and W. H. Yopp.

Against the Defendants.

In Justice Bornemann's court yesterday afternoon two civil actions were tried, Robt. M. Green & Co., S. P. Collier, agent, and the A. C. L. R. R. Co., A. H. Shepard, agent, being the defendants in both cases. In one case Mrs. Geo. L. Schutt was the palintiff. She was suing for $65, which amount she alleged she had to pay as rental on a store building on account of the failure of Robt. M. Green & Co. to move a fountain belonging to them and which had been rented while Schutt's Pharmacy was open. Early in the case the justice announced that the A. C. L. R. R. Co., could not be made a defendant to the action. The other case was brought by K. C. Sidbury, Esq., as trustee, and was for $12.50 ofr the taking away of a tube of gas when the fountain was finally moved. Both cases were decided against the defendant and notice of appeal was given. K. C. Sidbury, Esq., represented the plaintiffs and Herbert McClammy, Esq., the defendants.

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The man who puts off doing till to-morrow what would save money to-day is a poor economist. Let us submit an estimate and guaranteed proposition on your coal requirements, not next week or next year (though better late than never), but NOW. Write us; your letter will be appreciated and promptly answered.

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Prices On Ladies' Cloaks Cut in Half!

$15.00 Coats	$7.50
$12.50 Coats	$6.25
$10.00 Coats	$5.00
$ 8.00 Coats	$4.00
$ 7.50 Coats	$3.75

LADIES' FURS ONE-FOURTH OFF!

$20.00 Furs now	$15.00
$15.00 Furs now	11.25
$10.00 Furs now	7.50
$ 8.00 Furs now	6.00
$ 6.00 Furs now	4.50
$ 4.00 Furs now	3.00

Ladies' COAT SUITS One-Third Off!

$35.00 Suits	$27,50
$30.00 Suits	20.00
$25.00 Suits	17.50
$22.00 Suits	15.00
$18.50 Suits now	13.00
$15.00 Suits now	10.00

Balance of our Gents' Woolen Underwear at cost. Reduced prices on Blankets and Comforters. Piano votes given with all cash purchases.

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SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Brief Mention, News of Societies, Meetings, etc

Mrs. G. E. Megow returned Sunday from a visit with relatives at Kerr, N. C., during the holidays.

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Mrs. I. K. Pinner and two children left yesterday for Waycross, Ga., where they will visit friends and relatives.

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Mrs. D. W. Mason and children, who have been spending the holidays in the city, returned to their home in Waycross, Ga., yesterday morning.

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Mrs. W. T. Farris left Sunday noon for Wilson, N. C., where she will visit friends and attend the marriage of Miss Ruth Winstead, of that city, and Mr. Fred Braswell, of Tarboro, N. C.

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A meeting of the Hospital Circle of the King's Daughters will be held this morning at 11 o'clock at the home of Mrs. William Latimer, on South Third street. A large attendance of members is desired.

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There will be an important meeting of Cape Fear Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, at the W. L. I. armory tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock and a full attendance of members is desired. Final action will be taken as to the Lee anniversary observance.

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A pleasing entertainment will be given tomorrow afternoon and evening in Hibernian Hall by the ladies of St. Thomas' Catholic Church. Refreshments will be served and there will be music, dancing and other pleasing diversions. The admission for children will be only five cents and they will find it to their special advantage to attend during the afternoon though, of course, they will be welcome also at night. The admission for adults will be 25 cents.

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ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S BALL OF HOWARD RELIEF CLUB.

The annual New Year's Ball of the Howard Relief Club was given in the handsome club house of the organization, corner Front and Orange streets, last night and was pronounced by all as surpassing in every respect all former occasions of the kind. There were present and dancing more than 50 couples, mostly the younger members of the club. The club rooms were prettily decorated in greens of various kinds. The delightful music of the evening was furnished by Hollowbush's Orchestra. Shortly after 12 o'clock an elaborate supper was served, after which dancing was resumed and continued until about 2 o'clock.

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PRETTY ENTERTAINMENT IN HONOR OF MISS NATHAN.

Rocky Mount, N. C., Jan. 3.—Miss Ray Levy was at home to about twenty friends on Tuesday evening in honor of Miss Mamie Nathan, of Wilmington, who is the guest of Miss Levy. The home on Franklin street was decorated suitable to the Christmas season in holly and mistletoe. The punch bowl was presided over by Miss Nannie Walker and Mr. Hugh Williford. Progressive cards was the amusement feature of the evening, indulged in by the devotees of the game until a late hour. Salads in two courses were served in the daintiest style after which followed cream and fruits.

Miss Levy is always charming and especially so as a hostess and on this occasion only yielded the palm to her fair guest from Wilmington.

Those who enjoyed Miss Levy's hospitality were Misses Mamie Nathan, Nannie Walker, Ballard Ramsey, Lucy Thorpe, Calena Newell, Mary Thorpe, Mary Hardison, Charlotte Fenner, Alice Hart, Jessie Hart, Maude Philips, Lena Redman, Miss Casey, Miss Guid, Fannie Young, Annie Young and Mary Battle, and Messrs. Will Meadows, Ed Gordon, Holden, Jim Hines, Holt, Gordon Smith, Munn, Hugh Williford, Dick Gorham, William Williford and Lawrence Horne.

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Many friends in this city will be interested in the following from the society column of the Philadelphia Press of Monday, December 27th, last, the bride being a sister of Mrs. Robt. W. Farmer, of this city, whom she frequently visited: "The wedding of Miss Nancy Rutledge Doyle and Mr. Frank Milton Le Gate, of Jacksonville, Fla., will take place this evening at 8 o'clock, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. George Washington Doyle, 4323 Sansom street. Rev. Charles Martin Niles, of the Church of the Ascension, Atlantic City, will officiate.

"The bride will be given in marriage by her brother, Mr. G. Harris Doyle, of Norfolk, Va., and will be attended by her sister, Mrs. Charles Martin Niles, as matron of honor. Her other attendants will be Miss Emily Caldwell Eggleston and Miss May E. Bevier.

"Mr. Gordon Doans Vauderzee will act as best man.

"The bride will wear a gown of white satin, with Irish point lace. The tulle veil will be fastened with lillies of the valley, and the bridal bouquet will be lillies of the valley and white bride roses.

"The matron of honor will be gowned in white shantang, trimmed with appliques of pink roses, and will carry pink roses to match.

"The attendants will be gowned alike in pink messaline, and will carry pink roses.

"Miss Doyle is the daughter of the late George Washington Doyle, of Wilmington, N. C., and is a popular member of West Philadelphia society.

"On account of a recent death in the family, the wedding will be private, and witnessed by only the immediate families of the bride and bridegroom and a few intimate friends.

"Mr. and Mrs. Le Gate will leave on a late train for Jacksonville, Fla., where they will reside."

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DELIGHTFUL BAL MASQUE BY SEASON'S DEBUTANTES.

A unique and decidedly one of the prettiest and most elaborate of the holiday social affairs in Wilmington was the bal masque given last night in the Masonic Temple ball room by the debutantes in Wilmington society this season, some fifteen or twenty in number. The hall was charmingly decorated and the costumes essayed by the different dancers, ladies and gentlemen, did much credit to their ingenuity and sense of the ridiculous. The evening's gaities opened with a hop which continued in all its delightful informality until 11 o'clock when Mr. Robert E. Calder led a figure at the conclusion of which each of the dancers unmasked and received congratulations of those assembled. Supper was served at 12 o'clock after which the german was danced until an early hour this morning.

Among those invited and participating in the dance were Miss Christine Stevenson, Mr. Joe Jacobs; Miss Annie Worth, Mr. Markley Croswell; Miss Cynthia Rountree, Mr. Louis T. Moore; Miss Wilson, Mr. Bernard O'Neill; Miss Julia Worth, Mr. J. Haughton James; Miss Atha Hicks, Mr. Laurence Sprunt; Miss Amoret Lord, Mr. Shepard Pender; Miss Isabel Smallbones, Mr. John Myers; Miss Hilda Spafford, of London, Mr. J. V. Grainger, Jr.; Miss Janet O'Neill, Mr. W. C. Denny; Miss Helen Strange, Mr. Thos. D. Meares; Miss Marguerite Walker, Mr. Milton Calder; Miss Eleanor Gilchrist, Mr. Norwood Huske, Jr.; Miss Delamar Burbank, Mr. Adair McKoy; Miss Willingham, of Marietta, Ga., Mr. Clayton Smith; Miss Sue Prince, Mr. M. Ridgley; Miss Graves, of Columbia, S. C., Mr. Harry West; Miss Amoret Price of Baltimore, Mr. Harriss; Miss Florence Kidder, Mr. B. R. E. Calder; Miss Ladriston Hardin, Mr. F. Poisson; Miss Eunice Worth, of New York, Mr. Chas. French; Miss Elise Kidder, Mr. E. Bailey; Miss Margaret Harriss, Mr. Ernest Peschau; Miss Lucianna Poisson, Mr. Frank Bridgers; Miss Bates, of London, Dr. R. B. Seem; Miss Mary Croswell, Mr. Rob James; Miss Lillie Taylor, Mr. Slau, of New York; Miss Alice Bynum, of Pittsboro, Mr. Milton Gore; Miss Swanson, Mr. William McKoy; Miss Elise Emerson, Mr. Waddell Watters; Miss Olivia Horne, Mr. Owen Holmes; Miss Nellie Savage, Mr. J. H. Durham, Jr.; Miss Madge Brand, Mr. L. Poisson; Miss Alice R. Smith, Mr. H. Nash; Miss Sallie Wright, Mr. L. Pender; Miss Satterwhite, Waynesville, Mr. Raymond Hunt; Miss Blanche Parsley, Mr. Stalnaker; Miss Theresa Parsley, Mr. Reynolds; Miss Lillian Kenly, Mr. R. W. Hicks, Jr.; Miss Bessie Gore, Mr. Frank Nine; Miss Etta Brand, Mr. Allan Emerson; Miss Agnes McQueen, Mr. Willie Emerson; Miss Mildred Smith, Mr. Theo. James; Miss Kirkpatrick, Alabama, Mr. Louis Belden; Miss Pugh, of Petersburg, Va., Mr. Pierre Holmes; Miss Helen Kenly, Mr. R. Grant; Miss Schmidt, of New York, Mr. deLaigle Munds, New York; Miss Nellie Durham, Mr. H. Taylor; Miss Olive Quince, Mr. D. Loring; Miss Virginia Bailey, Mr. Adam Empie; Miss Margaret Bridgers, Mr. R. A. Williams; Miss Katie Grainger, Mr. John J. Blair; Miss Bessie Bridgers, Mr. Meares Harriss; Miss Gene Harriss, Mr. Robert Strange; Miss Blalock, of Columbia, S. C., Mr. M. James; Miss Margaret Smith, Mr. Bennett Dunn.

Stags—Messrs. George Meares, Edwin and Dalziel Hederick, of Glasgow, Scotland; Marion Harriss, C. D. Maffitt, T. Moore, H. O'Neill, T. F. Wood, Spears Hicks, George Worth, Sidney McMillan, F. Holloway, Preston Cumming, Clarence LeGrand, Lieuts. Wishaar, Dorin, Yeager and Keister; Mr. Richard Bradley.

Chaperones—Major and Mars. Eugene VanC. Lucas, Mrs. Preston Bridgers, Mrs. Geo. W. Kidder, Mrs. Herbert Smith, Mrs. Allan Nichols, Mrs. George Rountree, Mr and Mrs. VanR. King, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Boatwright, Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Empie.

LOCAL DOTS.

—Daniel Houston, the 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Houston, who was seriously injured Friday in a manner not yet explained, was resting some better yesterday and there is some hope for his recovery.

—Oliver Anderson, colored, was arrested at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon at corner of Water and Princess streets by Patrolman W. R. Appleby and the charge of drunkenness and disorderly conduct entered against him. The negro had a badly swollen jaw and he told the officer it was caused from a terrific blow given him by Mr. Ralph Kennedy, who conducts a near-beer saloon at corner of Water and Princess streets.

Annual Reception Tonight.

The annual reception and roll call meeting of Broklyn Baptist church will be held this evening. Rev. C. F. Whitlock, the pastor, and Mrs. Whitlock, will be assisted by the ladies of the congregation in receiving members of the church and all friends. A short business session of the membership will be held and everyone is invited to be present. A musical programme and refreshments will contribute to the pleasure of those attending.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. Howard C. Curtis, of South port, is a business visitor to the city.

Surprise Marriage Last Evening.

As quite a pleasant surprise to a large number of their friends here and elsewhere will come the announcement of the marriage of Miss Letitia Aman, an attractive young lady of this city, and Mr. David Ethelbert Witmer, a popular young Wilmingtonian, manager for The Auto Co., here. They were married last evening at 8:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's friend, Miss Mary Vaughn, No. 101 1-2 Princess street, in the presence of a few friends, Rev. Thos. F. Noe, rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Witmer will be at home at the residence of Mrs. Craft, Sixth and Grace streets, and will receive the happiest felicitations of a host of friends.

A Wretched Mistake

to endure the itching, painful distress of Piles. There's no need to. Listen: "I suffered much from Piles," writes Will. A. Marsh, of Silver City, N. C., "till I got a box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and was soon cured." Burns, Boils, Ulcers, Fever Sores, Eczema, Cuts, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, vanish before it. 25c. at Robert R. Bellamy's.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETS

The First Meeting of New Year Last Night—Office of Salaried City Engineer Created — Large Amount of Business.

The Board of Aldermen in the first session of the new year last night adopted the recommendation of the finance committee with reference to the sale of the $100,000 street improvements bonds, created the office of salaried city engineer, passed an ordinance prohibiting the use of sidewalks for advertising purposes, appropriated $1,000 for use in the sanitary department, indulged in a spirited discussion relative to the enforcement of the prohibition law and transacted an unusually large amount of small business for a two hours' session.

Mayor MacRae presided with Aldermen Hinton, Bonitz, Willard, West, Ellis, Yopp and Fales in attendance. Alderman Stone arrived later. Alderman Rehder was unable to be present on account of illness. Clerk J. J. Fowler read the minutes of the December meeting, which required one-sixth of and hour, so great was the business transacted at that gathering of the city solons. Mr. Fowler had omitted from the minutes the fact that Alderman Ellis voted against the proposition to reconsider the revocation of the near-beer license of those who had been found guilty in court of the charge of violating the prohibition law, and Mr. Ellis requested that his vote be recorded.

Alderman Hinton, of the finance committee, in the absence of Chairman Hall reported that N. W. Halsey & Co., of New York, had made the best offer for the $100,000 street improvement bonds recently placed on the market and recommended that the sale be made to that firm. The recommendation was in form of a motion and carried.

Chairman Bonitz, of the streets and Wharves Committee, said that he had understood that the matter of constructing a bridge across the railroad tracks at Sixth street had been referred to the Street Commission and that being the case, the appropriation by the Aldermen at last meeting, amounting to more than $5,000, would be used for other purposes under the head of his department. He suggested that the board ascertain when the railroad would begin work on the abutments. He reported the grading of several streets and of having received a quantity of curbing and stated that he would like to have 5,000 feet more.

City Attorney McClammy called attention to the Supreme Court decision in the case of City of Wilmington against Yopp, a test case to decide whether the Aldermen had the power to put down pavements and hold same as lien upon the property until the amount was paid into the city treasury, and stated that the act creating the Street Commission provided that the commission should do that work.

Chairman Ellis, of the Sanitary Committee, said that at a previous meeting he was instructed to secure, if possible, a lot on which to dump city refuse matter. He had endeavored to secure a lot in East Wilmington, but had not been able to find one. He recommended that Health Officer Piner be paid in addition to his salary the $5 allowed for fumigations as he has been doing this work. The motion prevailed.

Chairman Stone, of the Light Committee, reported that the Tungsten arch lights recently ordered installed by the board had been put in service on Princess and Market streets and those on Front would be put in place just as soon as the material arrived, which will be some time soon.

Alderman West inquired whether anything had ever been done relative to collecting the rents from vegetable stalls at Fourth Street market, heretofore reported delinquent. He was informed that no payment had been made. He thought some one was negligent and the man who went on the person's bond should be held responsible. It appears that Mr. J. D. Fergus signed the note with securety. A motion was passed instructing Charman Fales, of the Market Committee, to take up the matter.

A petition asking that Princess, from 13th to 17th streets, be opened was read by Alderman Hinton. The petition was largely signed, bearing the signature of every real estate man in the city and probably 100 other property owners. Mr. Thomas H. Wright supplemented the petition by a few remarks, stating that that section of the city would develop very rapidly if the street was opened. In reply to a question from one of the Aldermen he said that he thought all the property owners would agree to pave the sidewalks facing their property if the street were opened. On motion of Alderman Hinton the matter was referred to the Street Commission with the recommendation that the street be opened with the understanding that property owners would agree to pave the sidewalks.

Wm. J. Bellamy, Esq., representing Mr. Carl Miller, appeared before the board with reference to back taxes on the property of Mr. Miller's mother, asking that the board settle the amount, about $240, on a basis of 50 per cent. City Attorney McClammy said that the board had no right to release the tax, but did have the right to remit the costs. The matter was referred to the Finance Committee to report at the next meeting.

On motion of Alderman Willard the board appropriated $1,000 for closing up the ditch along Dock, from 13th to Macomber's ditch and the laying of a pipe line and for other purposes under the head of the sanitary department.

The matter of defacing the sidewalks with advertisements was brought to the attention of the board with the result that an ordinance was passed making it unlawful, punishable by a fine of $10, for any person, firm or corporation to use the sidewalks for advertising purposes. The ordinance, which was offered by Alderman Bonitz, appears in full in another column. Alderman Bonitz also read an ordinance handed to him to prevent using of obscene language into, over or through any telephone, or telephone line, in the city of Wilmington, providing a fine of $25 upon conviction. The ordinance was tabled.

A request from Mr. H. G. Smallbones, superintendent of the Clyde Line, for permission to extend the A. C. L. tracks 120 feet on the south side of Grace street to within five feet of the Clyde Line wharf, was referred to the Streets and Wharves Committee for report. The board granted M. Baum transfer of junk dealers' license to M. May.

Mr. S. G. Blackburn, of Charlotte, through a communication, asked the board to give him an endorsenient of the Tungsten arch lights recently installed here, he having furnished the materials for the same. The matter was referred to Chairman Stone, of the Light Committee, to take such action as he deemed best. In this connection Alderman Hinton observed that the arch lights do not give the same brilliant light they did when first installed, an observation which has been made by a large number of Wilmington people.

"What Are My Duties."

Mayor MacRae said that some people had said that he did not execute the laws and had complained that he had not done so and so relative to the police and desired to know from the board whether or not he had any control over the police department. He said that if it was his duty to have charge of the police he wanted to know it and that he would do his duty, and if it was not his duty he did not care to be held responsible. He said that some had asked him to take action in the matter of the suspension of Patrolman M. A. Jones. Clerk Fowler read the resolution adopted some time ago by the Police and Fire Commission in which the prerogative of the Mayor to maintain order, etc., was recognized. It was the opinion of the Alderman that under the resolution the Mayor had the power to send an officer anywhere he desired to maintain order or to quell a row and to suspend an officer for failure to perform his duty, but that it was solely the power of the commission to discharge him. "Gentlemen," said the Mayor after the other matter had been disposed of, "I have under my desk 41 bottles of whiskey(the way the mouths of the thirsty did water), which represents an expenditure of $2,000, and I would like to know if you want me to spend another $2,000 in running down blind tigers?" Then followed a rather heated discussion.

There was more discussion and then some more. Aldermen West and Bonitz said that at the last meeting of the board $2,000 was appropriated with the understanding that the Mayor would use it as he saw fit in running down violaters of the prohibition law and that ended the matter so far as the board was concerned for the present.

City Engineer C. R. Humphreys submitted a report relative to the survey he has made and enclosed a map of the city showing the location of the stones or property markers with recommendations. He said the work would cost about $2,500 and suggested that it be given to the highest bidder. There was no action on this, but upon motion of Alderman Willard the office of salaried city engineer was created, recommending a salary of $2,400 a year, it to be his duty to give his full time to the city. In this connection it was suggested that the city should employ a city attorney on a salary basis. The board adjourned at 9:30 o'clock.

FRATERNAL MYSTIC CIRCLE.

Interesting Meeting and Installation of Officers Last Night.

Carolina Ruling No. 345, Fraternal Mystic Circle, had a most enjoyable meeting last night at which the annual installation of officers took place and those in attendance later had the pleasure of enjoying a fine collation at the Delmonico Cafe. There were addresses by several prominent members of the order in Wilmington, one of especial interest being that of Dr. S. Mendelsohn, Grand Ruler for North Carolina and a member of the Supreme Ruling for the United States. Dr. Mendelsohn was one of the committee appointed at Detroit last year to examine the books, accounts, etc., of the National organization and reported that these were found in the best of shape. He was the installing officer last night and inducted into office the following:

Worthy Ruler—Charles Kirkland.
Worthy Vice Ruler—Dr. M. H. P. Clark.
Worthy Past Ruler—Dr. J. T. Schonwald.
Worthy Chaplain—W. W. Koch.
Worthy Recorder—Dr. J. H. Dreher.
Worthy Collector—W. P. Gafford.
Worthy Treasurer—J. B. Mercer.
Worthy Guard—John F. Littleton.
Worthy Sentry—A. C. Chubb.
Worthy Marshal—W. L. Williford.
Worthy Trustees—W. E. Perdew, Geo. S. LeGrand and E. L. Prince.

Carolina Ruling is now in splendid shape and under the new administration, starts the new year with very bright prospects for continued usefulness and increased popularity.

A Wild Blizzard Raging

brings danger, suffering—often death—to thousands, who take colds, coughs and lagrippe—that terror of Winter and Spring. Its danger signals are "stuffed up" nostrils, lower part of nose sore, chills and fever, pain in back of head, and a throat-gripping cough. When Grip attacks, as you value your life, don't delay getting Dr. King's New Discovery. "One bottel cured me," writes A. L. Dunn, of Pine Valley, Miss., "after being laid up three weeks with Grip." For sore lungs, Hemorrhages, Coughs, Colds, Whooping Cough, Bronchitis, Asthma, its supreme. 50c. $1.00. Guaranteed by Robert R. Bellamy.

TO ABRIDGE SCHEDULE

Cars to Leave Belt Line an Hour Earlier at Night Next Week.

Effective next week, as will be seen by official notice elsewhere in today's paper, street cars of the Tidewater Power Company will be taken off the belt line an hour earlier than heretofore, which means that the last car around the belt will be at 11:10 at night instead of 12:10 A. M. as at present. The falling off in traffic after 11 o'clock since the holidays is ascribed as the reason for this curtailment of the service. An effort was made last night to ascertain if this abbreviation of the schedule was to be permanent but the effort was not rewarded, it being the general understanding that late ars would continue to be run on Saturday nights and that as soon as the traffic will warrant, the late cars will be put on again. There will be later cars than 11:10 P. M. on Princess street, enroute to the barns, but these will run no further than Ninth street or possibly to Ninth and Orange streets.

CATHERINE KENNEDY HOME.

Contributions by Friends During December—Annual Meeting Today.

The contributions to the Catherine Kennedy Home during the month of December are as follows:

Friend, coffee; Mrs. Frank Huggins, milk; Mrs. H. F. Wilder, soap, coffee; Mr. Geo. O. Gaylord, turkey; Mr. J. M. Solky, turkey; Mr. A. D. Brown, turkey; Diamond Steamboat & Wrecking Co., $10; friend, $2; Mr. W. G. Whitehead, crate oranges; Mr. Phil Pearsall, 1-2 crate oranges; Mrs. Wm. McGowan, cake; Mrs. Roger Moore, cake, stove, chair; Mrs. Jno. Berry, cake; Mr. Partin, fruit; Kress Co., candy; friend, fruit, candy; Mrs. R. E. Smith, oranges; Mrs. Gleaves, oranges; Mrs. Solon Long, oranges; Miss Lucile Murchison, $5; Mr. Clayton Giles, $5.

Annual meeting will be held at the Home Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

RETURNED WITH PRISONER.

Trial of Charley Tew, Charged With Seduction, Set for Today.

Constable W. B. Savage returned yesterday afternoon from Waycross, Ga., bringing with him Charley Darbin Tew, a young white man, wanted in this city on the charge of seduction. Tew was unable to give the $1,000 bond required by Justice Bornemann and went to jail to await a hearnig at 12 o'clock today. The warrant against Tew was sworn out by Miss Gabrell Murray, about 18 years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Murray, of this city. Tew, who is a large man, did not make any statement relative to what would be his line of defense, stating to the constable that he desired a few hours in which to collect his thoughts after coming to the realization that he had been arrested on a most serious charge.

ACCEPTS CUSTOMS POSITION.

Mr. Stewart F. Highsmith Successor to Inspector Polly.

Collector Keith yesterday appointed Mr. Stewart F. Highsmith, of this city, stenographer and general office man at the Custom House to succeed former Inspector E. G. Polly, whose office was abolished when he recently resigned. Mr. Polly, as will be recalled, went from here to Jacksonville, Fla.

Mr. Highsmith is a clever young business man, who for several years was connected with the Coast Line, resigning the latter position to go in the custom service. He is capable in his new position, and has many friends in the city who will be interested in the appointment.

DENTISTS TO MEET HERE.

State Association and Board of Examiners Here During Summer.

Manager Edgar L. Hinton, of The New Seashore Hotel, Wrightsville Beach, received a telegram Sunday night, announcing that the executive committee of the State Dental Society had practically decided on Wrightsville Beach as the place of next meeting. This carries with it also the meeting of the State Board of Dental Examiners, which means that the gathering wil attract to Wrightsville hundreds of visitors. It is stated that the regular meeting of the executive committee will be held in Raleigh today for the purpose of deciding upon the exact date of the annual meeting.

Don't Like Home Life.

Hattie Marshburn, a 13-year-old colored girl, was lodged in the city prison last night for safe keeping. She ran away from her parents and went to a house, the influence of which is not for the best, and declared that she would not return to her home. Her parents knew where she had gone and communicated with the police with the result that she was taken into custody. She still refused to go home and it was decided to give her a berth at the City Hall until she has changed her mind, which probably will be not later than this morning.

SUICIDE AT THOMASVILLE.

Baxter E. Woolen, Prominent Citizen, Hangs Himself to Bed Post.

Charlotte, N. C., Jan. 3.—Baxter E. Woolen, 27 years old, secretary of a Sunday school, and prominent in church work, committed suicide at Thomasville, near here, this morning, by hanging himself to his bed post. No motive for the deed is known.

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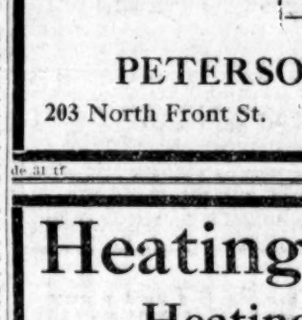

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MARKET QUOTATIONS

¶ The Latest Reports From the Important Trading Centers and From Local Dealers.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Jan. 3.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market, nothing doing.

ROSIN—Market steady $3.65 per barrel.

TAR—Market, firm $2.00 per barrel.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Firm, $2.50 per barrel for hard; $4.00 for dip and $4.00 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine 37, rosin $2.65, tar $1.70, crude turpentine $1.75 and $2.75.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	9
Rosin	122
Tar	148
Crude turpentine	5

Receipts, same day last year 48 casks spirits turpentine 29 barrels rosin; 314 barrels tar; 48 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Quiet 15 1-4 for middling. Quotation corresponding day last year 8 9-10c.

Receipts—925 bales, same day last year, 306 bales.

PRODUCE MARKET.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith Dec. 18th.)

PEANUTS—North Carolina prime 65@70; extra prime, 72 1-2; fancy 75@80c; Virginia, prime 65@70; extra prime 75@80s; Spanish $1.00@$1.05.

CORN—Firm 90@95c per bushel for mixed.

N. C. HAMS—Good demand; old hams 18c; shoulders 14@15; sides 14@15c.

EGGS—Dull 27c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Spring 20@30; grown 35@40c; scarce.

BEESWAX—Firm at 26c.

TALLOW—Firm at 4 1-2c per pound.

BEEF CATTLE—Good demand at 2@3 1-2c per pound on foot.

HIDE—Dr. flint 14c; green 9c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Good demand 55@60c per bushel for new yams.

WOOL—Burr 18c.; free of burr 24c.

GEESE—50@55 per head.

PORK—Small 10c per pound; large 9c.

SHEEP—Old no demand; Lambs, dull $1.25@$2.50.

TURKEYS—Good demand 15@16c on foot; dressed 18@22c.

THE COTTON MARKET.

New York, Jan. 3—The cotton market was very nervous and unsettled today with liquidation heavy at times, owing to apprehensions of a lull in spot demand following the completion of December engagements and preceding active week on January shipments. The market received good support, however, and recovered most of a sharp early break, with the close steady, net one point higher to 17 points lower, near months being relatively firm; late months easy and the more active positions ranging from 3 to 6 points net lower.

The market opened weak at a decline of 4 to 21 points under rather excited liquidation due to unexpected weakness in Liverpool and the absence of further support from spot people, such as had been a prominent factor during the last weeks of 1909. March contracts quickly sold off to 15.92 and May to 16.20, representing a net decline of 17 to 18 points and a loss of from 25 to 26 points compared with the season's high record. At this level there was a renewal of dull support and as offerings for long account diminished following the first outburst of liquidation, local shorts turned to cover. Very bullish advices from the south in respect to the spot situation; suggesting that even if trade demand had slackened there was no tendency to offer cotton at concessions, helped the recovery and it was also reported that the buying by houses with Memphis connections reflected bullish preliminary figures on ginning to January 1st received by the National Ginners Association whose report is expected on Wednesday. But the bulls were not aggressive buyers on a scale up, and after the active months had rallied to about or a shade over the closing prices of Friday there was considerable cotton for sale with the market unsettled in the late trading. Some of the Wall street people are selling net crop deliveries on expectations of a large increase in acreage this spring believing also, that every effort will be made in the way of cultivation to raise a big crop next season. Southern spot markets were generally unchanged.

Receipts at the ports today were 19,405 bales against 18,424 last week and 50,129 last year. For the week 175,000 bales against 156,847 last week and 273,418 last year. Today's receipts at New Orleans 723 bales against 14,017 last year and at Houston 15,461 bales against 7,461 last year.

Spot closed quiet; middling uplands 16.10; middling gulf 16.35; no spot sales. Delivered on contract 25,800.

Futures opened easy and closed steady.

Month.	Open.	Close.
December		
January	15.72	15.81
February		15.93
March	16.04	16.07
April		16.17
May	16.28	16.32
June	16.16	16.25
July	16.26	16.32
August	15.83	15.88
September	14.61	14.90
October	13.77	13.80
December	13.70	13.70

PORT MOVEMENT.

Galveston—Steady, 15 3-4; net receipts 12,874; stock 171,297.

New Orleans—Quiet and Firm, 15 3-4; net receipts 713; stock 175,167.

Mobile—Quiet, 15 1-2; net receipts 2,573; stock 53,142.

Savannah—Quiet, 15 1-2; net receipts 1,245; stock 109,217.

Charleston—Quiet, 15 1-4; net receipts 105; stock 32,381.

Wilmington—Quiet, 15 1-4; net receipts 536; stock 21,90?.

Norfolk—Quiet, 15 3-4; net receipts 1,322; stock 40,048.

Baltimore—Nominal, 15 7-8; stock 11,263.

New York—Quiet, 16.10; stock 158,473.

Boston—Quiet, 16.10.

Philadelphia—Steady 16.35; stock 3,292.

Jacksonville—Net receipts 37.

Total today, at all ports, net receipts 19,405; Great Britain 5,101; stock 784,105.

Consolidated, at all ports, net receipts 38,402; Great Britain 10,381; Continent 24,254.

Total since September 1st, at all ports, net receipts 5,102,790; Great Britain 1,265,135; France 713,691; Continent 1,359,825; Japan 25,719; Mexico 10,805.

INTERIOR MOVEMENT.

Houston—Steady, 15 3-4; net receipts 15,461; stock 11,464.

Augusta—Steady, 15 7-8; net receipts 53; stock 71,202.

Memphis—Firm, 15 5-8; net receipts 1,178; stock 211,046.

St. Louis—Steady, 15 5-8; stock 43,014.

Cincinnati—Net receipts 666; stock 11,227.

Little Rock—Quiet, 15 1-4; net receipts 1,469; stock 50,303.

Louisville—Firm, 15 5-8.

Total today—Net receipts 18,818; gross receipts 22,885; shipments 20,975; sales 4,301; stock 510,257.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, Jan. 3.—Cotton; Spot dull prices 6 points lower. American middling fair 8.82; good middling 8.36; middling 8.44; low middling 8.34; good ordinary 8.08; ordinary 7.83.

The sales of the day were 5,000 bales, of which 500 were for speculation and export and included 4,200 American. Receipts since report 21,000 bales including 20,800 American.

Futures opened quiet and steady and closed barely steady. January 8.21 1-2; January and February 8.21 1-2; February and March 8.24 1-2; March and April 8.27-1-2; April and May 8.29; May and June, June and July 8.30 1-2; July and August 8.29; August and September 8.02 1-2; September and October 7.54 1-2; October and November 7.31 1-2; November and December 7.21 1-2; December and January 7.20-1-2; January and February 7.20.

DICK BROS. & CO., COTTON LETTER.

New York, Jan. 3.—The cotton market was irregular but the tone was generally steady, except for a short period of nervousness soon after the opening. Liverpool cables were somewhat disappointing, and in the first hour there was considerable liquidation by local commission houses. On decline to a basis of 16.20 for May and July there was good support by the Bull leaders, who, appeared to be picking up cotton as offered. There was no disposition to push the market up but as the ring professionals got oversold in an effort to bring about a break their covering was sufficient to cause a sharp rally to about Friday's closing. Spot news is generally in favor of the market, with most advices indicating somewhat of a stampede among mills to cover their requirements. Considerable cotton was called by mills.

The reviews of trade conditions for the first of the year reflect a much better condition in textile circles than has been generally reported. A good many mills declared increased dividends and several doubled their capitalization during the year just closed. The increase in spindlage for the year 1909 was the largest since 1900.

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DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, Jan. 3.—Lines of men's wear weak, chieviots, clays, unfinished worsted, serges and other suitings were opened today. The cotton goods market is very firm but quiet. Jobbers are shipping and charging goods actively, due on advance orders.

THE STOCK MARKET.

New York, Jan. 3.—An attempt was made to start the new year with an advance of prices of stocks as a demonstration of cheerful confidence in the opening prospect. Immediately, however, the higher prices encountered selling orders sufficient to turn them downward. The movement forward met obstacles which made it abortive. The pinch in the money market proved a drag on stock market operations on the long side but sentiment was more or less depressed by a number of other factors in the outlook, particularly the government's attitude towards corporations and the prospect of labor disputes. The rate for call loans had risen early in the day to a higher level than was touched during the whole of last year and in fact, the year before.

In other directions the speculation say discouragement. Railroad presidents were in consultation with President Taft to voice their opposition to his proposed recommendations for extending the power of the inter-state commerce commission over the railroads. From various courts came reminders of the progress of legal processes against the great corporations—the Standard Oil Company, the American Tobacco Company and the Union Pacific railroad. Important divisions in these pending cases are to be looked forward to as possible influences on the future stock market.

An effect was produced by reports of differences between the United States Steel corporation and some of its employees and the sentimental influence of the special weakness of United States Steel on the whole list was considerable.

The special weakness of United States Steel, Reading and Union Pacific contrasted with the resistance shown by Rock Island, C. & O. and Amalgamated Copper point to a divergence of sentiment in the speculative forces, but the forces of reaction proved easily predominent and the weakness became quite acute with the final flurry in call money.

Bonds were heavy. Total sales, par value were $3,965,000. United States 2s declined 1-4 per cent. on call. Total sales of stock today were 964,500 shares.

THE FINANCIAL MARKET.

New York, Jan. 3—Money on call strong and higher; six to ten per cent., ruling rate 8, closing bid 10; offered at 10.

Time loans firm; sixty days and ninety days 4 1-2 per cent., six months 4 1-4 to 4 1-2. Prime mercantile 5 to 5 1-2 per cent. Sterling exchange weak, then strong with actual business in bankers bills at 4.8360 to 70 for sixty day bills and at 4.8620 for demand. Commercial bills 4.82 3-4 to 4.83 3-8. Bar silver 52 1-2. Mexican dollars 44.

N. Y. BONDS.

U. S. ref. 2s, registered	101
U. S. ref. 2s, coupon	101
U. S. 3s, registered	101 3-4
U. S. 3s, coupon	101 3-4
U. S. 4s, registered	114 1-2
U. S. 4s, coupon	115 1-2
Allis Chalmers 1st 5s	84 1-2
American Agricultural 5s	101 3-4
American Tel. & Tel. cv 4s	105 1-4
American Tobacco 4s	76 1-4
American Tobacco 6s	106 1-2
Armour & Co. 4 1-2s	94 1-4
Atchison gen. 4s	100
Atchison cv 4s	122
Atchison cv 5s	122
Atlantic Coast Line 1st 4s	95
Baltimore & Ohio 4s	99 1-2
Baltimore & Ohio 3 1-2s	92 5-8
Baltimore & Ohio S. W. 3 1-2s	90 1-4
Brooklyn Transit cv. 4s	87
Central of Georgia 5s	108 1-2
Central Leather 5s	99
Central R. R. of N. J. gen. 5s	124 3-4
Chesapeake & Ohio 4 1-2s	103
Chesapeake & Ohio ref. 5s	104 1-2
Chicago & Alton 3 1-2s	74
Chicago, B. & Q. joint 4s	96 1-2
Chicago, R. & Q. gen. 4s	96 3-4
Chicago, Mil. & St. P. gen. 3 1-2s	89 3-4
Chicago, R. I. & P. R. R. col. 4s	83 1-8
Chicago, R. I. & P. R. R. col. 5s	102 3-8
Chicago, R. I. & P. Ry. rfg. 4s	91 1-4
Colorado Industrial 5s	84
Colorado Midland 4s	80 1-2
Colo. & Southern ref & ext. 4 1-2s	97 3-4
Delaware & Hudson cv. 4s	102
Denver & Rio Grande 4s	95 3-4
Denver & Rio Grande ref 5s	94 1-2
Distillers 5s	74 1-2
Erie prio lien 4s	85 3-4
Erie Gen. 4s	76 3-4
Erie cv. 4s series "A"	82
Erie cv 4s series "B"	73
General Electric cv. 5s	147
Illinois Central 1st ref. 4s	99 3-8
Interborough Met. 4 1-2s	82 3-8
Inter. Merc. Marine 4 1-2s	70 5-8
Japan 4s	88 1-8
Japan 4 1-2s	94 5-8
Kansas City Southern 1st 3s	72 3-4
Lake Shore deb. 4s (1931)	95 1-2
Louisville & Nash. Un. 4s	100
Missouri, Kan. & Texas 1st 4s	99 1-4
Mo., Kan. & Texas gen. 4 1-2s	90 1-2
Missouri Pacific 4s	81 7-8
National Rys. of Mexico 4 1-2s	94 1-2
New York Central gen. 3 1-2s	91 1-2
New York Central deb. 4s	93 3-4
N. Y., N. H. & Hartford cv. 6s	134
Norfolk & Western 1st con. 4s	98 1-2
Norfolk & Western cv 4s	101 1-2
Northern Pacific 4s	102
Northern Pacific 3s	73 1-2
Oregon Short Line rfdg 4s	94 1-2
Penn. cv. 3 1-2s (1915)	96 3-8
Penn. Con. 4s	104 1-4
Reading Gen. 4s	99 1-2
St. Louis & San Fran. fg 4s	84 1-4
St. Louis & San Fran. gen. 5s	88 1-2
St. Louis S'western con. 4s	93
St. Louis S'western 1st gold 4s	79
Seaboard Air Line 4s	86
Southern Pacific col. 4s	91 1-2
Southern Pacific cv. 4s	105 1-8
Southern P. R. R. 1st ref 4s	94 3-4
Southern Railway 5s	111 1-4
Southern Railway gen. 4s	81 1-8
Union Pacific 4s	101 1-2
Union Pacific cv. 4s	116
Union Pacific 1st and ref. 4s	98 1-8
U. S. Rubber 6s	104 1-2
U. S. Steel 2nd 5s	105 1-8
Virginia Car. Chemical 5s	90
Wabash 1st 5s	112 1-2
Wabash 1st and ext. 4s	76 7-8
Western Md., 4s	85 3-4
Westinghouse Electric cv 5s	93
Wisconsin Central 4s	94

CLOSING STOCK LIST.

Allis Chalmers pfd	34 1-2
Amalgamated Copper	60 1-4
American Agricultural	47 1-2
American Beet Sugar	46
American Can pfd	81 1-8
American Car & Foundry	72 1-4
American Cotton Oil	67
American Hide & Leather pfd	45 3-4
American Ice Securities	26
American Linseed	17
American Locomotive	61 1-4
American Smelting & Refng	102 7-8
Amer. Smelting & Refng pfd	111 7-8
American Sugar Refining	121 1-2
American Tel. & Tel	140 3-4
American Tobacco, pfd	94 1-2
American Woolen	37
Anaconda Mining Co	52 3-4
Atchison	122 1-2
Atchison pfd	103 1-2
Atlantic Coast Line	135
Baltimore & Ohio	117 7-8
Baltimore & Ohio pfd	92
Bethlehem Steel	33 1-2
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	70 1-8
Canadian Pacific	181 3-4
Central Leather	47 3-4
Chesapeake & Ohio pfd	108 1-2
Chesapeake & Ohio	50 1-2
Chicago & Alton	66 1-8
Chicago Great Western	36 1-8
Chicago & Northwestern	181
Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul	157
C. C. C. & St. Louis	80 1-2
Colorado Fuel & Iron	48 3-4
Colorado & Southern	57 1-2
Colorado & Southern 1st pfd	81 1-4
Colorado & Southern 2nd pfd	80
Consolidated Gas	157 3-4
Corn Products	22 5-8
Delaware & Hudson	184
Denver & Rio Grande	50 1-2
Denver & Rio Grande pfd	83 1-2
Distillers' Securities	36 1-4
Erie	33 1-4
Erie 1st pfd	50 5-8
Erie 2nd pfd	40 1-2
General Electric	159
Great Northern pfd	142 3-4
Great Northern Ore Ctfs	80 3-4
Illinois Central	146
Interborough Met.	24
Interborough Met pfd	60 1-2
Inter Harvester	117
Inter Marine pfd	23 1-2
International Paper	153 1-4
International Pump	52 1-8
Iowa Central	29 1-4
Kansas City Southern	43 1-4
Kansas City Southern pfd	70 1-4
Louisville & Nashville	157 1-4
Minneapolis & St. Louis	53
Minn., St. P. & Sault St. M.	140
Missouri Pacific	70 3-4
Missouri, Kansas & Texas	29 1-4
Missouri, Kansas & Texas, pfd	73 1-4
National Biscuit	115
National Lead	89 1-8
Nat'l Rys. of Mexico 1st pfd	91 1-2
New York Central	124 1-8
New York, Ontario & Western	48 3-4
Norfolk & Western	98 5-8
North American	87
Northern Pacific	144
Pacific Mail	42
Pennsylvania	136 1-8
People's Gas	115 1-4
Pittsburg, C. C. & St. Louis	99 1-8
Pressed Steel Car	51 1-4
Pullman Palace Car	188 1-2
Railway Steel Spring	51
Reading	169 1-8
Republic Steel	45 1-4
Republic Steel pfd	104
Rock Island Co.	55 1-2
Rock Island Co. pfd	89 1-2
St. Louis & San Fran. 2nd pfd	58
St. Louis Southwestern	32 3-4
St. Louis Southwestern pfd	77 1-8
Sloss Sheffield Steel & Iron	80
Southern Pacific Ex. Div	135 1-4
Southern Railway	33 1-4
Southern Railway pfd	73 1-2
Tennessee Copper	40 5-8
Texas & Pacific	25 3-4
Toledo, St. Louis & West	32 1-2
Toledo, St. Louis & West, pfd	70 5-8
Union Pacific	202 1-8
Union Pacific pfd	103
United States Realty	82 1-4
United States Rubber	51 3-4
United States Steel	89
United States Steel pfd	124 5-8
Utah Copper	50 1-2
Virginia Car. Chemical	54
Wabash	26 1-8
Wabash pfd	59 1-4
Western Maryland	31 1-2
Westinghouse Electric	81 3-4
Western Union	76 1-2
Wheeling & Lake Erie	9 3-4
Wisconsin Central	49

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

New York, Jan. 3.—Flour firm; spring patents 5.40 to 5.75; winter straights 5.30 to 5.45.

Rye Flour—Steady.

Buckwheat Flour—Quiet.

Corn Meal—Steady.

Rye—Firm.

Wheat—Spot firm; No. 2 red 1.28 elevator domestic, and 1.27 1-2 fob afloat nominal. Options closed 1 3-4 net higher. May 1.-20 1-4; July 1.10 3-4.

Corn—Spot easy; No. 2, 70 elevator domestic and 70 1-2 delivered and 69 fob afloat nominal. Options closed unchanged. May 75 1-4.

Oats—Spot firm; mixed 47. Options closed unchanged. May 50 3-8.

Lard—Steady.

Tallow—Firm.

Rice—Quiet.

Molasses—Steady.

Sugar—Raw Steady; refined quiet.

Coffee—Futures steady at a net advance of 10 to 15 points. Spot steady No. 7 Rio 11 to 11 1-8; Santos No. 4, 9c, mild quiet; Cordova 9 to 11 1-2.

Butter—Unsettled, lower, creamery specials 26; extras 35; third to first 29 to 30; state dairy, common to finest 26 to 34; process first to thirds 24 to 25.

Cheese—Firm. State new full cream special 17 1-2 to 18; do September fancy 17, do October best 16 1-2; do winter made best 15 1-4; do common to good 13 to 15. Skims full to special 14 to 14 1-2.

Eggs—Firm; state, Pennsylvania and nearby hennery white fancy 40 to 50; do gathered white 36 to 42, do hennery brown and mixed fancy 40 to 42; do gathered brown fair to prime 33 to 39.

Potatoes — Irregular; Bermuda second crop per barrel 3.50 to 5.00; Maine per bag 1.50 to 1.75; state and western per barrel 1.50 to 1.75; Long Island 1.75 to 2.25; Jersey 1.35 to 1.75; do sweets per barrel 1.50 to 2.50.

Cabbages—Firm; Danish seed per ton 20.00 to 24.00; domestic 12.00 to 15.00; red 28.00 to 32.00.

Freights and Peanuts—Unchanged.

The cotton seed oil market was quiet, closing generally 4 points lower to 4 points higher; sales for the day were 6,200 barrels with moderate liquidation and an indifferent demand. January 7.47 to 7.49; March 7.54 to 7.56; May 7.56 to 7.57; July 7.59 to 7.-61. Prime crude 6.90 to 6.95; do summer yellow 7.45 to 7.49; winter yellow 7.50 to 8.00; do summer white 7.70 to 8.00.

THE GRAIN MARKET.

Chicago, Jan. 3.—With wheat leading in the advance the market here today showed increased prices in all grains and provisions.

	Opening.	Highest.	Closing.
Wheat—			
May	1 12 1-2	1 13 3-8	1 13 1-4
July	1 02 1-2	1 02 7-8	1 02 3-4
Sept.	98 3-8	98 3-4	98 3-4
Corn—			
May	65 3-4	66 7-8	66 5-8
July	66 5-8	67	66 7-8
July	65 5-8	66 7-8	66 7-8
Sept.	66 5-8	66 7-8	66 7-8
Oats—			
May	45 3-4	45 7-8	45 3-4
July	43 3-4	43 3-4	43 5-8
Sept.	40 1-2	40 5-8	40 5-8
Mess Pork, per bbl.—			
Jan.	21 50	21 65	21 45
May	21 80	21 90	21 80
July	21 90	21 90	21 87 1-2
Lard, per 100 lbs.			
Jan.	12 27 1-2	12 30	12 25
May	11 92 1-2	11 97 1-2	11 92 1-2
July	11 85	11 92 1-2	11 90
Short Ribs, per 100 lbs.			
Jan.	11 40	11 47 1-2	11 40
May	11 40	11 45	11 42 1-2
July	11 45	11 45	11 42 1-2

CHICAGO CASH GRAIN.

Chicago, Jan. 3.—No. 2 red wheat 1.26 to 1.27; No. 3 red 1.18 to 1.25; No. 2 hard 1.15 to 1.16; No. 3 hard 1.10 to 1.15; No. 1 northern 1.16 to 1.17; No. 2 northern 1.13 to 1.-15 1-2; No. 3 spring 1.10 to 1.15

Corn—No. 3, 61 1-2; No. 3 yellow 61 3-4; No. 4, 59 to 59 3-4; No. 4 yellow 59 to 60.

Oats—No. 3 white 45 to 45 1-2; No. 4, do 44 1-2 to 45; standard 45 1-2.

NAVAL STORES.

New York, Jan. 3.—Rosin and turpentine firm.

Charleston, S. C., Jan. 3.—Turpentine firm 56. Rosin quiet. Quote: A, B, C, 4.00; D, 4.02 1-2; E, 4.10; F, 4.15; G, 4.17 1-2; H, 4.-20; I, 4.35; K, 5.05; M, 5.90; N, 6.15; WG, 6.25; WW, 6.75.

Savannah, Ga., Jan. 3.—Turpentine firm 56 1-4; sales 143; receipts 257; shipments 320. Rosin firm; sales 951; receipts 1,989; shipments 1,535; stock 152,816. Quote: A, B, C, 4.00; D, 4.02 1-2; E, 4.15; F, 4.15; G, 4.17 1-2 to 4.20; H, 4.25; I, 4.35; K, 5.05; M, 5.90; N, 6.15; WG, 6.25; WW, 6.75.

MARINE

ARRIVED.

Tug Standard, Phinney, New York, towing barge No. 92, Standard Oil Company.

Str. Navahoe, Hale, New York, H. G. Smallbones.

Str. C. W. Lyon, Edge, Fayetteville, C. P. Love.

CLEARED.

Str. C. W. Lyon, Edge, Fayetteville, C. P. Love.

BY RIVER AND RAIL

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

ARRIVED.

Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 3, 1910.

C. C. Railroad—118 bales cotton.

W. & W. Railroad—141 bales cotton, 5 barrels rosin.

W., C. & A. Railroad—372 bales cotton, 6 barrels tar.

A. & Y. Railroad—145 bales cotton, 19 barrels rosin, 6 barrels tar.

Str. Whitlock—9 casks spirits turpentine, 42 barrels rosin, 5 barrels crude turpentine

Str. City of Fayetteville—89 bales cotton, 26 barrels rosin, 142 barrels tar.

Total—925 bales cotton, 9 casks spirits turpentine, 122 barrels rosin, 148 barrels tar, 5 barrels crude turpentine.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels Now in Port at Wilmington, N. C.

Steamers.

Kenley (Br.) 2,431 tons, Wilson, Walter Smallbones, Agent.

Hyperia (Br.) 2,518 tons, Enos, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Schooners.

Phillip M. Brooks, 243 tons, Sanders, C. D. Mafflt.

Rothesay (Br.) 280 tons, Phipps, New York, C. D. Mafflt.

Chas. J. Dumas, 605 tons, Curtis, C. D. Mafflt.

Blanche (Br.) 165 tons, Albury, Springer Coal Company.

Lottie R. Russell, 266 tons, James, C. D. Mafflt.

Julia P. Cole, 419 tons Small, C. D. Mafflt.

Rebuking a Greenhorn.

A whist expert discussed at a dinner those overconfident and foolish persons who think they can learn whist in a year or two.

"Such persons should be called to order," the expert said sternly. "I for one am always glad to see them called to order. A young greenhorn stood behind my partner during a game one night. At the end of the hand the greenhorn said:

"'Why didn't you lead hearts? That's what I'd have done.'

"My partner smiled and answered:

"'Ah, but you, my young friend, have the world before you and none but yourself to consider. You have no wife and family dependent on you for bread, and if you lose heavily no one suffers but yourself. With me it is different; hence I led spades.'"

Necessity of Air Baths.

The conditions and conventions of our civilization demand frequent bathing. Any one suspected of avoiding a daily bath would quickly find himself persona non grata in decent society. It is popularly supposed that frequent bathing is essential to health. This is quite untrue. Much of the benefit attributed to the water is in reality due to the complete exposure of the skin to the air. The respiratory function of the skin is of high importance, and, although water may be dispensed with, closing the pores to air would result in speedy asphyxiation.—New York Medical Journal.

A Dreaded Contingency.

A young girl of fourteen was taking a trip on Lake Michigan in a small steamer. The lake was somewhat rough, and many were seasick. The girl sat in the bow and was unusually quiet for her. "Are you feeling sick, daughter?" inquired her father. "No; I don't think I am sick, but I should hate to yawn."—Life.

Blocking Him.

"Say, old man," began Borroughs, "lend me your ear for awhile, will you?"

"My friend," replied Wise, shrewdly suspecting a touch, "I'd gladly lend you both of them; then I wouldn't be able to hear you ask me to lend you anything else."—Catholic Standard and Times.

Inconsistent.

She (pretty, but sedate)—I admire a man who holds fast to his ideal.

He (a ninny)—But—but you won't let me.—Boston Herald.

It was an Irish philosopher who said the strangest things in some newspapers are the ones that are left out.

Turks and Animals.

In the matter of kindness to animals it is said that the Turk cannot be surpassed. Thus at Stamboul the wandering dogs are treated with great gentleness, and when puppies come into the world they are lodged with their mother at the side of the street in improvised kennels made out of old boxes lined with straw and bits of carpet. And frequently when a young Turk happens to be flush of money he goes to the nearest baker's shop and buys a quantity of bread, which he distributes among the dogs of the quarter, who testify their gratitude by jumping up at him with muddy paws and sniffing muzzles.

His Opening.

Oatcake—What be your son Jake a-goin' ter dew now that he hez left college?

Heyrix—I dunno yit. He's talkin' some of bein' a doctor, but I've heern tell ez heow thar be a heap uv money in bankruptcy, so mebby he'll try that fer a spell.—Chicago News.

NATURE TELLS YOU

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How He Paid His Fine.

Pat Kelly, the owner of the only jaunting car in the village, went on a spree and was sentenced to a fine of 20 shillings or seven days in jail. Kelly chose the latter.

Now, the prison was ten miles away, and the only possible means of getting a prisoner there was by driving. As Kelly himself had the only car in the place, there was nothing to do but to hire it. For some time the constable and his prisoner haggled over the terms.

Kelly stuck out firmly for 30 shillings, to be paid in advance, and at last the constable had to consent to the extortion. Accordingly they drove off and without any misadventures arrived at the prison. When they had alighted Kelly suddenly informed his companion that he had changed his mind, as the prison wasn't a decent looking place, and would pay the fine.

He thereupon drew out the 30 shillings he had received, counted out the 20 shillings and paid them over to the inspector. Then, jumping on his car, he drove away, leaving the constable to walk back.

A House In Pompeii.

In the exhumation of Pompeii one house was discovered which was evidently being repaired when the volcanic storm that overwhelmed the city hurled it to the ground. Painters, decorators and cleaners must have been busy at the very moment of the catastrophe. Painters' pots and brushes and workmen's tools were scattered all over the house. Telltale spots of whitewash starred wall and floor. Such domestic implements as pots and kettles had been bundled up in a corner all by themselves. There was a bronze dish in waiting before the oven and on the dish a sucking pig ready to be baked. But the oven was already engaged with its full complement of bread. So the pig had to wait. It, however, never entered the oven after all, and the loaves were not taken out. They had remained where placed to bake, it is calculated, close upon 2,000 years. There were twenty-three of them, rather crusty, of course, and somewhat dark colored, but otherwise perfectly preserved.

Whitefield on Love and Marriage.

George Whitefield, the most persuasive preacher England has produced, who died on Sept. 30, 1770, could appeal so powerfully to the emotions that he once enticed all the money from the pocket of the prudent Franklin. Yet he strangely anticipated some modern unromantic views on the subject of marriage. In 1740 he applied to the parents of a young lady for the hand of their daughter, adding, "If I know anything of my own heart I am free from that foolish passion whic the world calls love."

When this prosaic proposal was declined the undaunted Whitefield married an elderly Welsh widow "neither rich nor beautiful." This "merry widow" did not make a congenial helpmate, and Whitefield remarked, with refreshing candor, that "her death set 'his' mind at rest!"—Westminster Gazette.

Catching Monkeys.

Ringtailed monkeys, which rank among the most valuable, commercially speaking, of the small animals, are caught in an interesting way. A cocoanut is split in two and a banana with a piece of wood running through it placed lengthwise through the nut, the two halves of which are drawn together by wires. Then a hole is cut just large enough for the monkey's paw to enter. The monkey spies the tempting nut from his tree. He hops down, looks it over, sees the hole and smells the banana inside. He is fond of bananas. Putting his paw in, he grasps it, but the wood prevents it from coming out. Then the catchers appear, and the monkey runs for a tree. But he cannot climb because of the cocoanut on his paw, and he will not let go of that, so he is captured, pawing wildly at the tree trunk.

The Experiment Failed.

When a small boy mentioned in Short Stories grows up the scientific curiosity he displayed may be a valuable possession. Meanwhile his mother objects to it.

"Ma," remarked the boy, "isn't it funny that everybody calls little brother a bouncing baby?"

"Why do you think it's funny, William?" asked his mother.

"Because when I dropped him off the porch this morning he didn't bounce a bit; he just hollered."

How Toucans Roost.

Nothing could be more eccentric to our eyes than the way in which toucans go to roost. The bird does not "tuck its head under its wing, poor thing!" and so settle down, but packs itself up in most orderly fashion. The tail is turned forward over the back, in the soft feathers of which the gigantic bill is hidden. Then the tail shuts down, all semblance of a bird is lost, and one can see nothing but a ball of feathers.—London Standard.

Brother Goodsole's Mistake.

"Brother Goodsole," asked the Rev. K. Mowatt Laightly, "did you announce last Sunday that I would occupy your pulpit this morning?"

"Indeed, I did, Brother Laightly."

"Yet look at the smallness of the congregation. I can't account for it."—Chicago Tribune.

Her Unfashionable Figure.

Emma—I must go right away to a cure in Marienbad.

"Indeed! What doctor ordered that?"

"No doctor—my dressmaker."—Fliegende Blatter.

Punishment is a cripple, but he arrives.—Spanish Proverb.

Malaria Makes Pale Blood.

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THE WEATHER

U. S. Department of Agriculture Weather Bureau.

Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 4, 1910.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 8 P. M. Monday, Jan. 3rd:

Temperature at 8 A. M. 53 degrees; 8 P. M. 54 degrees; maximum 71 degrees; minimum 50 degrees; mean 60 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; for the month, .00 inch.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M. Monday 2 feet.

Weather Forecast.

For North Carolina—Fair and much colder Tuesday; cold wave in north and west portions; Wednesday unsettled, continued cold; moderate to brisk north winds.

Port Calendar—Jan. 4.

Sun Rises.....7:18 A. M.
Sun Sets.....5:16 P. M.
Day's Length.....9 hrs. 43 min.
High water at Southport 3:00 P. M.
High water at Wilmington 6:00 P. M.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

N. J. William—Ordinance.
S. A. L.—Schedule Change.
Academy of Music—Lillian Russell.
Crystal Palace—Whirlwind Bill.
James E. Howard—Card of Thanks.
American National Bank—Resources.
Tidewater—Power Co.—Belt Line Cars.
J. H. Rehder & Co.—Specials For This Week.
St. John's Lodge, A. F. & A. M.—Emergent Communication.

Business Locals.

Lost—Blue Coat.
For Sale—Horses.
Wanted—Boarders.
Wanted—Position by Salesman.
Lost—Knights Templar Charm.
The Hicks Co.—Fruits, Etc.
Sor Sale—Underwood Typewriter.
H. T. F. Wrede—Bunch of Keys Lost.
Kneisel's Academy of Dancing—Notice.
Palace Market—Fresh Creamery Butter.
Ladies, St. Thomas' Church—Entertainment.

NEWS OF GOLDSBORO.

Several Deaths—New Enterprises—Blind Tiger Robbed—Notes.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Goldsboro, N. C., Jan. 3.—The death of Mrs. Mary Gaylor, widow of the late Mr. Lewis Gaylor, of Fork township, occurred in that section last Thursday, after a short illness, aged 74 years.

Their many friends sympathize with Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Sanders in the death of their infant child, which occurred at their home in Grantham township Sunday night.

The contest inaugurated last Summer by leading business houses of the city, wherein three valuable prizes were offered to the contestants receiving the highest number of votes, certificates of votes being granted for cash payments, came to a close Saturday evening amid a whirlwind of excitement and lively interest on the part of the participants, the prizes being awarded as follows: Miss Laura Herring, first prize, $400 upright pi prizeano. St. Stephen's Church second prize, handsome buggy; Falling Creek Sunday School, third prize, sewing machine.

Rt. Rev. Robert Strange delivered an interesting address to the colored Episcopal Mission Sunday afternoon which was highly enjoyed by the large and attentive audience.

Another great enterprise was added to our city's already long list when the Secretary of State, at Raleigh, incorporated the Empire Manufacturing Company with an authorized capital of $200,000. The company will engage in general lumber and wood manufacturing business and is authorized to begin with a paid in capital of $75,000. At a meeting held by the stockholders the following directors were elected: Capt. J. B. Edgerton, Messrs. N. O'Berry, A. H. Edgerton, C. Dewey and J. Rosenthal. Mr. N. O'Berry was made president; Mr. A. H. Edgerton, vice president, general manager and treasurer; and Mr. Thos. A. Dewey, secretary.

Among the many evidences of substantial progress with which Goldsboro enters the new year there is none more assuring and reassuring than the condition of the city's banks, all three of which are flourishing and are looking to yet greater things in the course of 1910.

Some one broke into one of our "blind tiger" joints Saturday night and stole a half barrel of beer and a quantity of half pint bottles of booze. It's a shame to rob the blind.

After an illness of many months, patiently borne, including a surgical operation of serious nature, in a hospital, Mrs. Margaret Etheridge, widow of the late William Etheridge, of this county, and mother of Messrs William and C. T. Etheridge, died at their home in this city yesterday morning, aged 65 years. She was a most excellent Christian woman. The funeral was held from the home this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, conducted by Revs. D. H. Tuttle and J. W. Gardner, the interment was in Willow Dale cemetery.

RACE MEETS IN NEW YORK.

Horsemen Send in Their Nominations —The Brighton Handicap.

New York, Jan. 3.—Horse men hereabouts have sent in their nominations on a liberal scale for the race meetings of the coming season at the Sheepshead Bay, Gravesend and Brighton Beach, and it is expected the total entries will be greatly increased with the receipt of those mail ed tonight from Oakland, Jacksonville, Tampa and Juarez. Many of the principal stakes to be decided closed at midnight tonight.

The last of the distant nominations may not be heard from for several days, but under the rules all will be valid if the postmark shows they were mailed before midnight tonight.

The management of the Brighton Beach Racing Association announced that up to 3 P. M., more than 200 entries had been received for the stakes to be decided and telegrams had been received from distant points promising many more. Sam Hilderly has nominated for the Brighton handicap and other important stakes for mature horses seven horses, including King James, Fitz Herbert and Firestone. Parsley, which has been performing so well at Jacksonville is announced eligible for the Brighton handicap and so are O. C. Smithson's High Private and Czar. J. S. McCullough's good western horse. Robert Forsyth Little has made 29 nominations for the meeting among them being his $10,000 Prince Imperial.

ROCKY MOUNT NEWS.

Twenty Days in Assault Case—Florida Tourist Train On.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Rocky Mount, N. C., Jan. 3.—At the hearing of the case of Mr. Jesse Lynch upon the charge of attempted criminal assault Saturday afternoon by Recorder Thorne, the prosecution did not present as strong a case as was at first believed, and as the result 20 days with the road force and the costs in the case was the judgment of the court. The courtroom was crowded to overflowing and there were a number of witnesses examined. Under the continued fire of the counsel for defendant, and sharp cross questioning, Mrs. Page weakened in her testimony, and her statement had been relied upon to convict the defendant. However, the Recorder held that there had been an insult and that the defendant should be punished for the same.

Tonight the through Florida and West India Limited of the Atlantic Coast Line, which is more generally known as the Winter tourist train, will make its first trip of the present season. As has been the case in former years the trains will be operated as Nos. 87 and 88 and will be handled on a schedule that has been practically the same for the past three seasons, passing this city both ways during the early morning hours. This is the first season that this train has been operated along with two other fast trains going in the same direction, all within a few hours apart, and it is expected that the Palmetto Limited which was placed in operation during the early Fall last year will do some of the work that came the way of this fast train and that by so doing it will cut out some of the stops and delays that were necessary last season. There was no complaint of the time made by this train, but a lightening of the work for it can but tend to help in the work of getting it over the road.

INVESTIGATE SLAVE TRAFFIC.

John D. Jr., Foreman of Grand Jury. In New York Court.

New York, Jan. 3.—District Attorney Whitman, of New York, and the son of the richest man in the world, took up today, one directly, the other indirectly an investigation of the so-called white slave traffic, a subject that agitated the recent municipal campaign and more latterly formed a basis of a report to Congress.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., is foreman of a grand jury sworn in today charged especially with the task of inquiring into the traffic in women, with a view either to a rigid prosecution or and end to sensational slanders against New York. The district attorney began a similar line of inquiry. He assigned a special assistant to examine witnesses and in a statement tonight he urges that the public come forward with any and all evidence that such traffic exists. He asks that this evidence be given not only to his office, but to the grand jury and the courts also.

The district attorney intimates that prominent men in the city not only endorse the investigation, but stand ready to aid him in more substantial ways.

In his address to the grand jury directing that the white slave traffic be thoroughly investigated, Judge O'Sullivan said:

"The main object which I desire you to keep in mind throughout the investigation is the uncovering, not alone of isolated offenses, but of an organization, if any such exist, for a traffic in the bodies of women. The law's machinery is at your command. The wealth of this opulent city is at your call. The sympathy and sentiment of its law-abiding citizens are with you.

"Your inquiry should not be satisfied by any half-way answer. If organized traffic in women exists in this city, the law is adequate to end it and punish the persons engaged. If such traffic does not exist, your inquiry should end forever the sensational slanders against the city of New York."

HUNG AN INNOCENT MAN.

Convict in West Virginia Prison Tells a Startling Story.

Wheeling, W. Va., Jan. 3.—"I want to tell you something I have had on my mind for a good many years. I cannot keep the terrible secret any longer. It was I and two foreigners who killed Contractor Samuel T. Ferguson near Washington, Pa., on September 25th, 1903, and the man they hanged and the man who is serving 20 years for that crime are innocent." said Joseph Vastello today. He is a prisoner in the Moundsville, W. Va., penitentiary. He made the statement to Captain of the Guards G. G. Dawson.

Milovar Kovovic was hanged for the murder of Ferguson, and Moiovar Patrovic is now serving a sentence in the penitentiary at Pittsburg.

Vastello is serving a sentence for another crime. He was arrested a few months after Ferguson was murdered for the robbery of the railroad station at Burton, W. Va., and sentenced to eight years' imprisonment. His term expires next November.

Vastello is said to have told a detailed and consistent story. Vastello implicated two foreigners who are believed to have returned to their native land.

IT SAVES YOU MONEY.

The special half price sale of Dr. Howard's specific for the cure of constipation and dyspepsia by J. Hicks Bunting Drug Co., means the saving of a few dollars on every family's yearly bill for medicines.

Each 50 cent bottle (Mr. J. Hicks Bunting sells it for 25c). contains sixty doses of a medicine that is pleasant to take and which can be depended upon to cure the worst case of constipation, dyspepsia or liver trouble. Mr. J. Hicks Bunting has so much faith in the superior merit of this medicine that he says: "If Dr. Howard's specific does not cure you, come back to our store and we will return your money."

This remedy is not an ordinary medicine. It is the favorite formula of a well known physician; and has the endorsement of hundreds of physicians of eminence in their profession, who prescribe it in all cases of constipation, dyspepsia or liver trouble, knowing from experience that it will make a complete and lasting cure.

SENORA BARRIOS' FATE.

Wife of Former President of Guatemala Goes to Alms House.

New Orleans, Jan. 3.—From a palace where she presided as first lady of the land to an alms house refuge—such is the fate which has overtaken Senora Barrios, wife of a former president of Guatemala.

With almost complete impairment of her vision, penniless and without means to earn a livelihood Senora Barrios knocked for admittance at the Touro-Shakespeare Alms House here New Year's day.

Her husband, Jose Maria Reno Barrios, was assassinated a short time after his accession to the presidency. Senora Barrios then went to Europe where she remained for some time. The fortune which she inherited from her husband was dissipated through mismanagement of those in charge of it.

At the office of the Guatemalan consul it was declared that if the wife of the former president would return to Guatemala to live she would receive a pension from that government equal to the salary paid her husband.

This, it was asserted, she had refused to do. It was stated that $50 a month was paid her for a considerable time by the consulate under instructions from the president of Guatemala. The Guatemalan government is now bearing the expense of the education of Consuelo, daughter of Barrios, at a school in London.

Mme. Barrios before her marriage was Miss Algera Benton, a native of Virginia, but it was while living in New York that she met General Barrios and married him when she was 14 years old.

PRAIRIE OIL CASE DISMISSED.

Action of the Supreme Court—Favors Haskell's Contentions.

Washington, Jan. 3.—The case of the Prairie Oil & Gas Company which attracted so much attention in Oklahoma during the campaign of 1908, because of the intervention by Governor Haskell in the interest of the company, was dismissed today in the Supreme Court of the United States. The effect of the dismissal is favorable to the governor's contentions.

The original proceeding was instituted by Attorney General West of Oklahoma, in the District court of the Eleventh Judicial district of Kansas where A. H. Houston presided as judge, and its purpose was that of restraining the oil company from the alleged improper use of the highways of the State, and to compel a forfeiture of its charter for failure to comply with the State laws.

The governor intervened in behalf of the State with a motion to dismiss the case on the ground that it was prejudicial to the interests of the State. This motion was overruled by Judge Houston who, notwithstanding the governor's objection, was on the eve of issuing a writ of injunction.

The governor then instituted proceedings in the Oklahoma Supreme Court for an order prohibiting the proceedings in the lower court. The State Supreme Court granted this petition on the high ground of the governor's duty under the constitution of the State. Judge Houston and Attorney General West then brought the case to the Supreme Court of the United States. The Supreme Court refused to take jurisdiction in the case.

WILL RESIDE IN RALEIGH.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Winder at the Tucker Residence.

(News and Observer.)

It will be a pleasure to the people of Raleigh to know that Mr. and Mrs. John H. Winder are to make Raleigh their home.

It was learned yesterday that Mr. and Mrs. Winder would remove their residence from Virginia to this city and would be at home at the handsome Tucker residence on Hillsboro street, which has for so long a time been one of the most charming homes in the social life of Raleigh. Mrs. Winder was long one of Raleigh's social favorites and her removal from this city was deeply regretted. It is a pleasure to know that the Tucker residence is not to be closed and that a daughter of the late Mrs. Florence P. Tucker will dispense that hospitality which her mother did in so handsome a manner. Mr. Winder is the president of the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio Railway and is a Raleigh man who has attained a high position in the financial and railroad world. Raleigh is glad to know that he is to make his residence in this city again, after being from it for many years.

NEGRO ACCIDENTALLY SHOT.

White Boys Playing With Rifle Near His House.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Wadesboro, N. C., Jan. 3.—Henry Thomas, a prosperous and highly respected negro, was shot in the head today while at the table in his dining room. The shooting was done by some white boys who were playing near Thomas' house and was purely accidental. It is not thought that the wound will prove fatal as the rifle was only of 22 calibre.

USE as much care in the selection of candy as of food. When NUNNALLY'S is chosen *you know* that its purity and goodness are beyond question. It has marked the candy *standard* for twenty-five years.

Always fresh—always delicious, and in such variety as to tickle the most exacting palate.

Nunnally's

A fresh supply always kept by J. HICKS BUNTING DRUG CO.

"None Like Nunnally's."

STAR BUSINESS LOCALS

Advertisements inserted under this head one cent per word for each insertion but no advertisement taken for less than 25c. Additional words, more than 25, one cent per word. Unless the advertiser has a regular account, all advertisements under this head are STRICTLY CASH IN ADVANCE, the amounts being too small to warrant a charge. The Star will send without charge, A. D. T. (Western Union) Messenger to any address in the city for advertisements in this department upon request by 'Phone to No. 51. A. D. T. Messenger will also call for telegrams for the Western Union Telegraph Co., or for notes or small packages to be delivered anywhere in the city. No charge for the telegrams but a small charge for strictly A. D. T. calls. For this service call Western Union, 'Phone No. 2. But for advertisements always call the Star office No. 51. Copy for Business Locals cannot be taken over the telephone but upon request Messenger will be dispatched to any part of the city for them.

FOR SALE CHEAP—Underwood typewriter, practically new. Terms to suit responsible party. 'Phone 310, between 1 and 2 P. M. Ja 4 1t

LOST—Knights Templar Charm. Reward if returned to room 409 Southern Building. Ja 4 2t*

LEARN TO DANCE—Private lessons in dancing on Monday and Thursday nights at 8:30 o'clock. Competent teachers and strictly private. Kneisel's Academy of Dancing, Masonic Temple. Ja 4 1m

LOST—Bunch of keys, between city and second toll house. Finder will please return to H. T. F. Wrede, 109 Princess street. Ja 4 1t*

WANTED AT ONCE—A position by experienced salesman, capable of handling any line. Can furnish best reference. Address "Salesman" care Star Office. Ja 4 1t*

BOARDERS WANTED—Can accommodate several more with good room and board, at prices that will please you. Apply at 119 Orange street. Ja 4 1t*

LOST—Blue coat on Masonboro Sound road or on turn off at Carolina Beach. Liberal reward will be paid for its return. L. C. Kure, 314 Nun street. Ja 4 1t*

AN ENTERTAINMENT will be given at Hibernian Hall on Wednesday afternoon and evening, Jan. 5th, by the ladies of St. Thomas' church. Refreshments will be served. Music and dancing. Admission, children 5c.; adults, 25c. Ja 4 2t

FRESH CREAMERY best butter, one pound blocks. Get some of it. You will like it. Palace Market. Phone No. 72. Ja 4 tf

BANANAS must go today. Basket grapes and Malaga grapes, all at prices to suit buyers. A few cocoanuts, large, at 5 cents. New nuts, new raisins and a few sweet oranges. Now is your time, if you want bargains. The Hicks Company, 311 North Front street. Ja 4 2t

HORSES FOR SALE—If you want one or more good horses at especially attractive prices, address R. C. Cool, Southport, N. C. Ja 4 6t*

YOU COULD NOT make a better or more profitable New Year resolution than to investigate the results obtained from money invested in Wilmington real estate. First, make the resolution. Second, consult J. G. Wright & Son, who by long experience and modern methods have qualified as experts. They will take pleasure in talking to you, take you out to the property and finance all trades for you. Call and be convinced. J. G. Wright & Son. Ja 2 3t

DESIRABLE FURNISHED ROOM, near Fourth and Chesnut streets, for rent reasonably. Address M. N. care Star. Ja 1 3t

TO THE INVESTMENT SEEKER—We can offer you a real estate deal that will pay 14 1-2 per cent. on $2,500. Property is located in the best mill section of the city on macadamized street. If will pay you to investigate an opportunity like this. J. G. Wright & Son, No. 124 Princess street. Sole Agents. Ja 2 3t

INVESTOR—We have for sale three small tenant houses in good condition, located on Nixon, between Fourth and Seventh streets, $400 cash, balance in six years. J. G. Wright & Son, 124 Princess street. Ja 2 3t

NOTICE TO MY FRIENDS AND THE PUBLIC—I am back at the same old stand where I will appreciate your patronage. Come all. 121 and 123 Princess street. D. L. T. Capps. Ja 2 tf

I WILL TRY to please all with the best of Cigars, tobacco, cigarettes, near beer and cold drinks. Seven pool tables running at 2 1-2 cents per cue. D. L. T. Capps. Ja 2 tf

MILL SUPERINTENDENT with 20 years experience, wants position. Practical all-around mill wright and machinist. Best references. Apply "N. R. D." care Star. Ja 1 eod 6t

THE WIRELESS TELEPHONE which has been exhibited at various places in the city for the past few days, can be seen either at Jarman's Drug Store or the Junction Restaurant by anyone wishing to examine it. Ja 2 3t

WANTED—Ambitious young man to become traveling salesman. Experience unnecessary. Bradstreet System, Dept. No. 577, Rochester, N. Y. Ja 2 4 6 3t

FOR RENT—That large and desirable store, Northeast corner Third and Castle streets, suitable for first-class grocery or drug store. Formerly occupied by Carpenter & Miller. Possession given on or about January 10th 1910. J. G. Wright & Son, No. 124 Princess street. Ja 1 1w

MONEY TO LOAN on diamonds and revolvers, shot guns and anything of value at Uncle Charles' Pawn Shop, 108 Market street. Ja 1 tf

WANTED—Second-hand vertical boiler, from four to eight horse capacity. Must be in good condition and at reasonable price. Address A. M., care Star. Ja 1 tf

WANTED—Position by first-class dry cleaner and presser; also able to do dying, hat blocking and busheling. Address Alizarine, care Star. Ja 1 tf.

YOUNG MALE Stenographer, six years experience, desires situation with wholesale concern, office or store, to learn the business and become traveling salesman. Best reference, including present employer. Address box 61 R. F. D. No. 1, Currie, N. C. de 31 4t*

START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT—On January 1st, being next Saturday, The Hanover Building and Loan Association will open its ninth series of stock, and every man, woman and child should avail themselves of this opportunity of subscribing for stock in this series. This Association has had a very prosperous year and is paying a good rate of interest as an investment and assisting the home-seekers in securing a home, and there is no better way to form a saving habit than by this method. We have never had a loss. Books will be open until January 7th, 1910, at Wilder's Real Estate Office, No. 207 Princess street, only five hundred shares will be sold in this series. John J. Fowler, president; J. W. Yates, vice president; H. F. Wilder, secretary and treasurer. de 30 1w.

LOST MONEY LOUISE—In days gone by but now I'm wise. I've found where and how to make money by shipping my raw furs, hides, tallow, wool, beeswax, worm seed, produce etc., to C. D. Gilbert & Bro., 212 Market street. de 7 tf

WANTED—Several pupils who wish to take lessons in the German language. Apply Prof. O. Braun, 23 South Second street. Phone 184. de 29 6t*

PHOTOGRAPHS — Enlargements, copying, framing, viewing and fine photographic work of every description. At the U. C. Ellis Studio. no 18 tf

SHIP ME your eggs, poultry, hams, hides, beeswax and any kind of produce. Will pay highest market prices and make prompt returns. N. C. Hams a specialty. C. B. Bellois, 16 North Second street. 'Phone 1576. de 12 tf

STAR BUSINESS LOCALS

NOTICE TO HOLIDAY SHOPPERS—I have just received the most complete line of electric and gas portables and artistic chandeliers ever shown in Wilmington. Prices range from $3.00 to $50.00. I also have a complete line of electric novelties to select from. Do not make your purchase until you have looked over my stock. Store open until 10 P. M., through the holidays. J. O. Brock, 123 Market street, 'phone 573. de 15 tf

KEEP YOUR EYE on our show case. The display will be changed frequently. Every time we change it will be better. The Gem Studio, Foltz & Kendrick, 114 Market street. no 27 tf.

SULTANA OLIVE OIL—Mr. Vafiadi, the Sultana agent here, has arranged to have this oil distributed in the future by Hall's drug store, Fifth and Castle. Pints 50c. Quarts $1.00. Phone orders filled promptly. no 4 tf

SWEET WEST INDIA oranges, the best the earth produces, $10.00 per thousand; $1.25 per hundred, at British schooner Blanche, lying at Springer Coal Company's wharves, foot of Chesnut street. J. T. Albury, master. de 17 tf

QUAL ON TOAST. Lynnhaven Bay Oysters and all other delicacies of the season with the usual substantials that go to make up a first class bill of fare at any cafe. The Junction Restaurant, "Just at the Corner," convenient to all trains, suburban line, etc. Open day and night, Sundays too. no 30 tf

FOR RENT—That desirable seven-room cottage No. 713 Chesnut street. All modern conveniences. Apply on premises or 315 South Fifth street. de 19 tf

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, NO. 1, A. F. & A. M.

Emergent Communication this (Tuesday) evening at 8 o'clock for the purpose of conferring the **SUBLIME DEGREE OF MASTER MASON.** Members of Orient and Wilmington Lodges, and all affiliated Masons are cordially invited to meet with us.

By order of the W. M.

A. S. HOLDEN, Secretary.

Ja 4 1t.

TO THE HOSPITAL CORPS.

of the James Walker Memorial Hospital. I wish to return thanks to those in authority for the kind treatment given my Uncle Isam Howard in restoring him to his usual health again.

JAMES E. HOWARD.

ja 4 1t.

ACADEMY

SCHLOSS THEATRE CIRCUIT
THURSDAY, JANUARY 6TH.
Klaw and Erlanger and Joseph Brooks Present

Lillian Russell

In a Comedy
"THE FIRST NIGHT."
By George V. Hobart.
Prices $2.00, $1.50, $1.00, 75c, and 50c. Seats on sale at the Palace Wednesday. Free list entirely suspended. ja 4 3t

A Whirlwind Bill

ALL THIS WEEK.

Crystal Palace

4—BIG ACTS—4

Including two Metropolitan Doubles. ja 4 tf

NOTICE.

The Board of Aldermen in session Monday night, January 3rd, 1910, passed the following ordinance:

"Be it ordained by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Wilmington:

"Section 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to use the sidewalks of the City of Wilmington for advertising purposes in any manner whatsoever.

"Section II. That any person, firm or corporation violating the above provisions shall be fined $10.00 for each and every separate offense.

"Section III. That this ordinance shall be in force from and after its adoption."

N. J. WILLIAMS, Chief of Police.

ja 4-2t.

Notice

Beginning Sunday January 9th, the Belt Line cars will come off their runs at night one hour earlier than heretofore.

ja 4 2t

For Sale

1 Good Mule $200.00

Cash or Acceptable Paper.

W. B. Cooper,

Wilmington, N. C.

Ja 2 tf

NO MAN

Can place a limit on your possibilities but-a growing bank account will increase them.

THE AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK

WILMINGTON, N. C.

Ja 4 tf

THE Springer Coal CO.

wishes to announce that they are better prepared this season than ever to supply

Coal AND Wood

of the highest grades

Our stocks and our equipment warrant us in promising the public everything they require in our line.

THE SPRINGER COAL COMPANY

J. M. Solky & Co.

—SPECIAL SALE—

One lot of odds and ends of Men's colored Top Shirts, Soft and Stiff bosom. Real value of this lot of Shirts $1 and $1.50 each, Reduced to

75c.

They must go. Get your size before they are picked over.

J. M. SOLKY & CO.

Masonic Temple. Phone 617.

Ja 2 tf

This Week

All Coat Suits and Furs will be sold at cost.

NEW ARRIVALS

On display this week, Ginghams, Percales and Calicoes. Beautiful Table Linens.

Agent for Black Cat Hosiery, American Lady Corsets and Butterick's Patterns.

Out-of-town orders will receive prompt attention.

A. D. BROWN

Ja 2 tf

The

Southern National Bank

Opposite Postoffice. Organized 1905.

Capital	$ 200,000.00
Surplus and Profits	145,000.00
Total Assets	2,225.000.00

MATT J. HEYER, President, CHAS. N. EVANS, Cashier.